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Photo of a sunrise by George Dudley, editor, while on assignment at Carolina Beach in late October.



# DPS employees recount State Fair ride mishap

By **Patty McQuillan**, Communications Officer

**Mary Farrar**, an analyst with the Department of Public Safety's Victims Compensation Services, was at the North Carolina State Fair on Oct. 24 with her son, Connelle, when they witnessed the highly-publicized Vortex amusement ride accident.

Connelle and a friend rode the Vortex, and Farrar wondered as a parent how such an experience could be fun.

"Then, the ride stops, Conelle gets off and is walking down the runway when the ride suddenly starts back up before everyone is off," Farrar said. "I said, 'The ride is moving; it's really moving.'"

Farrar and her son witnessed four people falling from the ride — a mother, father, son and niece.

Conelle, a fireman with the Morrisville Fire Department, ran back to assist. He pulled the mother and son from under the ride and started performing first aid on the unconscious 14-year-old boy. Connelle called for Farrar to help a woman

who had severe head trauma.

Farrar said that her son's fireman training enable him to direct her attending the injured woman.

"I am really very thankful that my son was where he was supposed to be at that time because of his expertise and his being able to coach me," she said.

"It's ever planted in my mind," Farrar said.

The young boy being attended by Connell was unconscious when Connell first started massaging him, trying to revive him. When the boy did start to come around, Farrar said she could tell he was in excruciating pain. The boy's mother asked Farrar if she would ride with her in the ambulance to the hospital, and she did.

For 27 years, **Darlene Johnson**, Emergency Management's deputy operations chief, has used vacation time to work 11 15-hour days as an officer with the N.C. State Fair Police. Her role there is working with the Red

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Cross to investigate reported injuries, anything from bee stings to seizures and ride injuries.

Returning to her post from a dinner break, she had stopped at Gate 4 to chat with a retired sheriff's deputy. The Vortex was about 100 yards from where she stood.

When a Western Wake ATV sped past with flashing lights and sirens blaring, Johnson checked her emergency communications radio and learned that five people were injured — four of them unconscious — at the bottom of the midway. She rushed to the Vortex platform, checked the victims and got their names.

Johnson recognized Farrar assisting one of the victims. Seeing that all of the injured were being attended, she began gathering names of witnesses and taking statements. Emergency Medical Services arrived moments later.

"They had everyone [on stretchers] and out the gates in 20 minutes," Johnson said. "It was phenomenal."

**Greg Winstead**, supervisor for Troop C telecommunications, was working near Gate 11 in the State Highway Patrol's Mobile Command Unit when he first heard about the accident from the sheriff's office radio channel. Without hesitation, he called Sgt. Craig Johnson, who was in charge of the Patrol's detail that night, to clear the traffic at Gates 4 and 5 and close down Youth Center Road so the ambulances could get in and out.

Then he got a call from the incident command manager, Maj. **Chip Hawley** of the Wake County Sheriff's Office, asking for trooper escorts and road clearance.

"Sgt. Johnson cleared the way, and the motorcycle team jumped right into place, went to the scene and brought the ambulances in and out," Winstead said.

Troopers **D.R. Simmons** and **C.C. Cayko** were on their



From left, **Mary Farrar**, **Darlene Johnson** and **Gregg Winstead**.

motorcycles, heard the radio traffic and were already headed to Gate 4 before a Patrol sergeant called.

Troopers working the perimeter of the fair cleared lanes and crosswalks so the ambulances could get through.

"I don't have any idea where they put the cars, but the Highway Patrol was incredible," Hawley said. "The thing that stood out to me was that it was seamless — like talking to my own people."

Trooper Simmons said he and Cayko led the first ambulance to Wade Avenue, and shortly afterward U-turned in front of the second ambulance and escorted it as well. The other ambulances were not far behind.

Hawley said within 28 minutes, the first victim was in surgery at Wake Medical Center. He said this was a textbook incident command situation where members of the State Highway Patrol understood the complexity and trauma of the accident and jumped right in to help.

"The priority of those five injured people were uppermost in everyone's mind," Hawley said. "I couldn't ask the Highway Patrol to be any better."

Winstead said that after doing his job for the past 25 years, his instincts just kicked in.

"I just heard there were injuries and reacted," he said. "That's what we do."

Trooper Simmons agreed.

"When chaos jumps off, people run away, and troopers run toward it," he said. ▀

## What they mean to me

By Army Staff Sgt. Mary Junell, North Carolina National Guard

On November 11 every year people across America celebrate the federal holiday known as Veterans Day.

The annual holiday, which started as Armistice Day in 1919, was originally intended to honor those who died in World War I but was expanded in 1954 to honor all that serve the United States in military service.

For some, Veterans Day is a day of department store sales, hanging the American flag and watching parades in honor of the holiday.

However for those who are veterans, like Capt. Matthew Mason, a North Carolina National Guard soldier with the 139th Training Regiment, the day means something more.

“Veterans Day always makes me think about those [service members] who didn’t come home,” Mason said, “and the toll it takes on their surviving family members.”

Sgt. First Class Austin Walther, a North Carolina National Guard soldier with B Company, 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne), said the holiday reminds him of what it really means to be a veteran.

“Being a veteran means always being proud of what you have done,” said Walther, who has been on three combat deployments. “It means striving to make our nation a better place and always doing more than the average person.”

Walther, who said he feels this pride, said it comes from knowing he has helped to provide our nation the freedoms its citizens so graciously enjoy.

On Veterans Days service members are thanked for their service, enjoy free meals at some restaurants and are given discounts at various retail stores as a way for the public to show their appreciation. It is also a day when many veterans remember their fellow service members.

“It’s a day to remember the life long commitment and bond

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Left, Edward Klein, who was an Army sergeant during WWII, works the check-in desk at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport USO,

# Veterans

## Honoring their service for our freedom

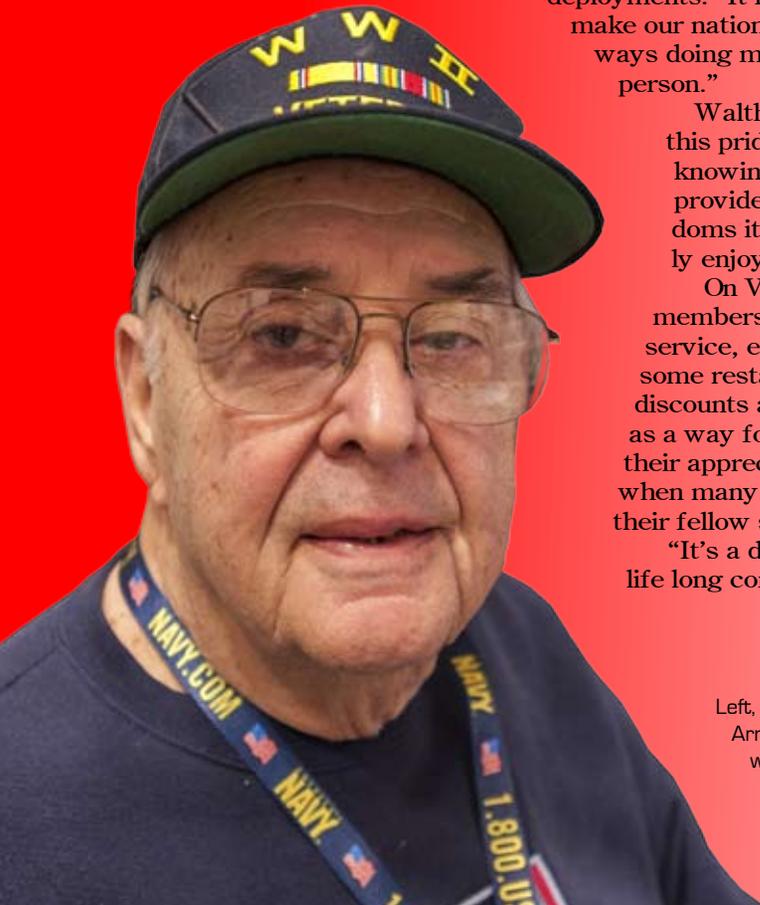
They work by our sides, protecting and preserving safety. They have protected and preserved the freedom of America, too.

Veterans — men and women who have served for all in the United States armed forces — are America’s military heroes. They gave, and returned to what non-veterans consider to be “normal life.”

*On The Scene* wishes we could identify and list the name and position of each veteran employed in the Department of Public Safety. It would help the other employees honor their co-worker veterans with due appreciation and gratitude. Necessary privacy protections are largely responsible for limiting our access to such a list.

Yet, it does not hinder our efforts to raise our hands and hearts in a salute to our veterans in DPS. On behalf of the employee body, we ask our veterans to hear our collective, “Thank you for your service.”

*On The Scene* also offers two perspectives to consider. One perspective is through the eyes of North Carolina National Guard soldiers, current and retired. The second perspective is from executive DPS leadership who are veterans and were asked what their service meant to their lives and what any U.S. veteran’s service should mean to others.



## Ellis Boyle

Deputy Secretary  
and General Counsel



Boyle was a U.S. Army infantry officer 1998-2002, stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., and at Fort Riley, Kan. He completed his service as a captain.

“It was an honor to follow both of my grandfathers before me and serve my country for four years. I was blessed to serve with some great patriots and see what it means to fight for America and all of its values.

“I am very proud to have served, but it is something that taught me more and gave me a good deal more than I gave it. While I did not choose to make it a career, my service has been a very strong presence in my life ever since I donned my BDUs as a young freshman in college. Perseverance, mission accomplishment, and the ability to focus in the midst of turmoil and fear are just a few of the important life lessons that I extracted from my time in the Army.

“[A veteran’s service] is a sacrifice of time and effort no matter when a veteran served. It truly is something that sticks with you for the rest of your life.

“It gives a veteran a great deal of pride to be able to say that yes, I fought for America back when I could do it. There is just an extra sense of investment in the whole process that comes from taking the time to serve. They don’t do it for the money or the glory for themselves; they do it for the idea of serving their country.

“I am very grateful to every veteran I meet. These are the continuation from WWII and the Civil War and the Revolutionary War that put America on the map as a country of ideas and ideals, unique in history. We all reap the benefit of the sacrifices that veterans make. America would not exist, much less be the best country in the history of the world, without each and every one of our veterans. We should all be extremely thankful of veterans and the sacrifices they made for our country.”

## Bob Brinson

Chief Information Officer



Brinson served in the U.S. Air Force 1975-1979, stationed at Hanscom Field, Mass., where, he said, “the Air Force does its e-

lectronic systems development,” and at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, “where the Air Force does ‘bombs and bullets.” He completed his service as a captain.

“I grew up in a military family. Any military base still feels like home to me.

“I had an ROTC scholarship at N.C. State [University]. My service paid that back. It also gave me some skills I still use every day. One of the most important was that, as a junior officer, I was expected to identify solutions, not just problems.

“We live in an exceptional country. The willingness of our veterans to serve and stand ready to protect and defend that country is essential.”

**‘... grateful’**

**‘... essential’**

**‘... most noble’**

## James “JR” Gorham

Executive Officer  
Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice



A retired U.S. Army brigadier general, Gorham was commissioned in 1980 through Officer Candidate School, North Carolina Military Academy at Fort Bragg. Prior to receiving his commission, he served as an enlisted member both on active duty and with the N.C. Army National Guard for six years. His previous military assignments include commanding at the company, battalion and brigade levels, as well as various staff positions.

Gorham’s most recent assignments included mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as commander, 130th Finance Battalion; deputy commander, 130th Combat Support Brigade (Maneuver Enhanced), Commander, 113th Sustainment Brigade; and assistant adjutant general for Domestic Operations, N.C. National Guard.

As a brigadier general, Gorham was director of the Joint Staff of the North Carolina Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh beginning in 2009. He also commanded North Carolina National Guard Joint Task Force and was responsible for joint training and deployment.

Gorham said, “Joining the military was one of the best things I have ever done. At age 18, I made the decision to join the United States Army, to serve my country any time, any place, and in whatever capacity she deemed necessary. Today, 40 years later and retired, that decision has not changed.

“Serving this great country as a soldier in the U.S. Army enriched my life in many ways. It afforded me the opportunity grow and develop into the person I am today. It allowed me to travel places I thought I would never visit, meet leaders throughout the world that I never dreamed I would meet, and do things I never imagined I would or could do.

“Any U.S. veteran should feel proud of the service he or she has rendered to our country. The profession of arms is one of the most noble of professions in the world. Every U. S. veteran did what they did, not because of the enemy that stood in front of them but because of the people who stood behind them. For there is no greater love than a man or woman who is willing to lay down their life for their friend, and that is what every veteran who has ever worn the uniform is prepared to do.”

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to fellow service members who understand what sacrifice and selfless service is,” Walther said. “It’s an unbreakable bond.”

Retired service members also feel the importance of being a veteran and the meaning of Veterans Day. Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Malcolm Calhoun, who served 11 years as a Marine and 30 years in the N.C. National Guard, said veterans continue to maintain the watch over the country they served even after their service ends.

“Being a veteran is a rite of passage and a state of mind,” Calhoun said. “You don’t wear the uniform, you are the uniform.”

Other retired veterans find a way to give back to fellow service members.

Edward Klein, who served in the Army during WWII, volunteers at his local USO at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport every Thursday for four hours.

“It’s a way of giving back,” said Klein, who has been volunteering at the USO for close to eight years. “If I can help other veterans, than that’s the purpose of my being here.”

There are currently more than 700,000 veterans living in North Carolina. ▲



## Lanesboro Correctional Institution celebrates its veterans

On Nov. 7, **Melina Mullis**, medical records administrator IV, executed a successful and meaningful luncheon for approximately 45 veterans who work at Lanesboro Correctional Institution. "I have had military support all my life, and my two brothers retired from the Army with 46 years of combined service. Also, [such recognition helps] teach our children that freedom is not free." Mullis has been involved in military veterans activities for the past 10 years. Nurse **Sharon Eaves** and Dental Assistant **Marie Frye** helped Mullis

patriotically decorate the main conference room and serve steaks, cooked by Unit Manager **Glenn Bullock**, and baked sweet potatoes, salad and desserts prepared by Frye. Chaplain **Steve Bird**, a retired Navy Chaplain, gave a brief history regarding Veterans Day and provided the invocation. The event was also supported by **Wendell Hargrave**, acting administrator, and assistant superintendents **Ken Beaver** and **Jack Clelland**. Veterans shared what branch of service and the number of years which they had served the country. (By Stephen A. Bird, clinical chaplain II.)

## Event celebrates a North Carolina veterans treatment court

### Community, education and vocational resources offered to help offenders get back of track

RALEIGH | Gov. Pat McCrory and Department of Public Safety Secretary **Frank L. Perry** attended a ceremony on Nov. 6 to celebrate a pilot program that creates a veterans treatment court in Harnett County.

The court was made possible through a \$66,696.88 grant from the Governor's Crime Commission.

"My administration is dedicated to making North Carolina more veteran-friendly," McCrory said. "Harnett County's Veterans Treatment Court is the first of its kind in North Carolina. We plan to build on the successes achieved here by partnering with the military and local stakeholders to open more veterans courts across North Carolina so that we can give our veterans the support they deserve."

The goal of the District 11A Veterans Treatment Court is to help those who have served



the nation and to honor their service. Through a collaborative effort among the local court, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, community vet-

erans' organizations and other various community partners, veterans treatment courts aim to reduce recidivism among veteran defendants by providing them opportunity to regain stability and lead productive lives.

The court will provide a means to divert veterans from the traditional criminal justice system and link them with the programs, benefits and services they have earned. It will provide the structured support to help veterans lead productive and law-abiding lives through referrals for treatment, education and vocational programs, and community resources while being judicially monitored. Court eligibility is based upon the severity of the offense and the veteran's discharge level to ensure only appropriate crimes are considered.

The District 11A Veterans Treatment Court in Harnett County is a pilot project. The crime commission grant is for a one-year term. ▴

# Friday night stripes



By **George Dudley**, Editor

Every Friday night this fall, when high school football teams teed it up for the opening kickoff, a DPS employee could be found on gridirons statewide, wearing the familiar Zebra stripes of the people in charge of making sure the game is played by the rules and conducted as orderly and safely as possible.

The high school playoffs have begun, and many of the referees are still donning their Friday night stripes. In following pages you will find snapshot articles about several of the officials who let *On The Scene* know about their involvement with young football players. You will read about their love of the game and their brushes with the early makings of professional stars.

### Michael Carroll

Correctional Officer  
Lincoln Correctional Center  
26 years service  
Newton resident

Asked why he officiates high school football, Carroll said, "I enjoy the game."

He played football himself in his youngster days, at Cherryville High School.

Carroll is still in the game, but as a referee, for 14 years, and not just on the gridiron, but also on high school baseball diamonds and basketball courts. Fans are likely to see him at Shelby, Crest, Burns, Hickory, East, Chase and other high schools.

Carroll's dedication and expertise got him selected to officiate the 2009 2A State Championship game between Tarboro and Mount Heritage and to umpire this year's Shrine Bowl game on Dec. 21 at Wofford College.

### Brian Edward David

Correctional Case Manager  
Morrison Correctional Institution  
22 years of service  
Rockingham resident

As a youth, David played football himself, at Richmond

Senior High School.

A 27-year veteran of officiating high school football, his turf is in southeastern North Carolina at Scotland, Terry Sanford, Douglas-Byrd, Seventy-First, Cape Fear and Purnell-Swett high schools and in Richmond and Hoke counties.

David exclaimed that he officiates because, "I love working with young people and I love the game!"

He has officiated games that featured the youthful careers of San Diego Chargers linebacker Melvin Ingram of Rockingham High and Miami Dolphins linebacker Dannell Ellerbe of Richmond Senior High.

### Wallace N. Ford Jr.

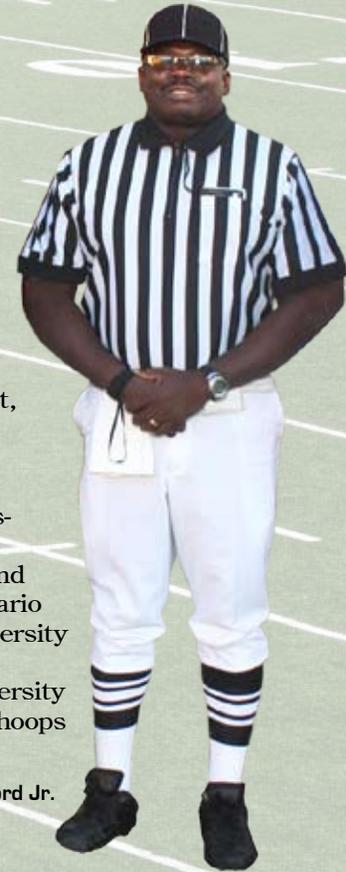
Sergeant  
Neuse Correctional Institution  
28 years of service  
Goldsboro resident

Ford has been refereeing for 12 years through the Eastern Carolina officials association, call-

ing games at schools in Goldsboro, Greenville, Jacksonville, New Bern and Wilmington.

A Goldsboro High School veteran, he said he officiates "for the love of the sport, to get some exercise and to stay in touch with the game."

Ford has officiated high school players who went on to the college and professional levels: Goldsboro's Stanley Bryant, who played at East Carolina University and joined the Denver Broncos; Richland's Mario Williams, who played for N.C. State University and is with the Buffalo Bills; and Danny Manning, who is coach of the Tulsa University basketball team after stardom in the pro hoops ranks.



Wallace N. Ford Jr.

### Lewis Forney

Program Director  
Foothills Correctional Institution  
20 years service  
Morganton resident

Forney, a seven-year veteran referee, officiates in western

Piedmont and foothills counties such as Ashe, Wilkes, Caldwell, Watauga, Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston, McDowell, Cleveland, Rutherford and Burke.

In addition to loving the game of football, Forney enjoys "the challenge of learning and applying rules and officiating mechanics during games."

"To be a good official takes a lot of study, practice, attention to detail, and on-field game experience," he said. "You have to be able to make split-second decisions on plays

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Referee Lewis Forney runs stride for stride with the ball carrier during a play at a Patton High School game.

### James "JC" Frye

Assistant Superintendent  
for Programs  
Scotland Correctional Institution  
27 years service  
Pinebluff resident

In 1976-1978,  
Frye could  
be seen play-  
ing football at  
Pinecrest High  
School. A few

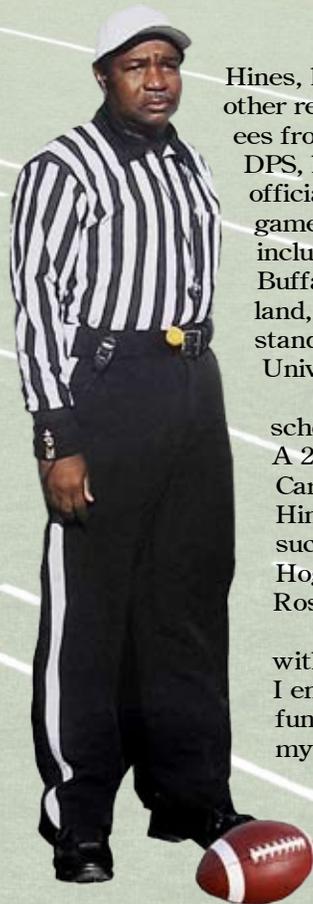
years afterward, in 1984, he started officiating games in the Whiteville area for the Southeastern Officials Association.

Frye and other Southeastern officials referee games involving high schools in Cumberland, Hoke, Scotland, Richmond, Columbus, Sampson and Bladen counties.

He officiated several games at South Robeson High School during the late 1990s when Vonta Leach played. Leach played college ball at East Carolina University and is a Baltimore Ravens fullback.

Frye said most fans aren't aware that officiating requires much preparation, continuing education and a large commitment of time.

"But I do it to stay involved in a game I love, to promote sportsmanship in our youths and to ensure games are played fairly, by the rules, within the spirit of the rules and in a safe manner."



Robert E. Hines

Hines, like  
other refer-  
ees from  
DPS, has  
officiated

games where future stars played, including Mario Williams, a Buffalo Bills player from Richland, and Todd Gurley, a Tarboro standout who is playing for the University of Georgia.

He himself played high school football at Rosewood. A 23-year veteran of the East Carolina Officials Association, Hines calls games at schools such as New Bern, Havelock, Hoggard, Laney, Wallace, Rose Hill and Hunt.

"I enjoy the camaraderie with my fellow officials, and I enjoy seeing the kids having fun," he said. "It also serves as my stress reliever."

Hines' officiating skills and fairness resulted in his selection last year to referee the State 2A Championship game.

### Robert E. Hines

Superintendent  
Wayne Correctional Center  
35 years of service  
Wayne County resident



### Jeff Jenkins

Case Analyst  
Craven Correctional Institution  
16 years of service  
Kinston resident

A member of the East Carolina Football Officials Association, Jenkins calls games in the eastern region of the state. The 16-year veteran referee officiated

a 3A state championship in 2007, and was selected to call the high school state championships this year.

Jenkins himself played high school football at Kinston.

Despite fans' intense scrutiny of referees' call, Jenkins said, "Officiating sports is a stress reliever, and I enjoy officiating in the spot light."

Among young stars-to-be that he has seen play while he officiated was Mario Williams from Richland High School, who went on to attend N.C. State and was the No. 1 pick by the Houston Texans in the National Football League draft.

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based on rules knowledge and common sense."

A cold rain and a muddy field can take the fun out of a Friday for most people, Forney said.

"Once the game has started, my entire focus is on what is happening on the playing field," Forney said. "The weather, boos from fans and irate coaches disappear during game time."

Sometimes comedy gets mixed into the drama of a high school football game, according to Forney.

"I've seen players run the wrong way on the field," he said. "I have seen other officials — including myself — get run over from time to time.

"We had to stop a game one night to search for a cell phone that was lost on the field at half-time by a cheerleader. The phone survived."

Sometimes, certain details in advance of a game are helpful. One school customarily fired a small cannon when the hometown scored a touchdown, but someone forgot to tell Forney.

"A scoring play came down my sideline into the endzone, and the cannon went off about 15 yards behind me," he said. "In front of several hundred people, I hit the ground face down.

"I still get laughed at when I call a game at that school."

### Kenneth "Pete" Jones

Chief Probation/Parole Officer  
Brunswick County  
23 years service  
Whiteville resident

Jones has been officiating for 10 years for high school, college and semi-professional.

"I love the game, and I love being around kids having fun," he said. "Watching the school spirit and watching the parents and fans on Friday night is like nothing else it's truly amazing.

"Organized sports are the best! It brings family and friends together, and that's what it's all about — tradition and dedication to the game you love."

Jones not only played high school football at Clarkton 1982-1986, but he also was named All State in Class 1A in 1986.

He is a Southeastern Athletic Officials Association member and has refereed

games at such high schools as Cape Fear, Jack Britt, Scotland, Whiteville, Clinton, South Columbus, West Bladen and East Bladen.

Jones has officiated games that included West Onslow's Kendric Burney, who starred at UNC-Chapel Hill and is a Carolina Panthers defensive back. Other players Jones has seen in high school include Terrell Godwin and Deandre Brown, who starred at Carolina, and Kevin Richardson, an Appalachian State University standout.

His best memory on the gridiron occurred before a game even started.

"It was one year during a high school football game, seeing all the kids come together on both sides and have a moment of silence for a fellow student and athlete that had been killed in a car accident."



### Capt. Murle Lewis

Eastern Correctional Institution  
30 years service  
Goldsboro resident

A 25-year veteran of refereeing high school football, Lewis is part of the Eastern Carolina Football Officials Association. He has blown the whistle and thrown the yellow flag on teams such as Eastern Wayne, Southern Wayne, Kinston, Goldsboro, East Duplin, James Kenan, New Hanover, Lanley, New Bern and Jacksonville.

Lewis has also officiated high school games where players have gone on to football glory on college and professional gridirons. Among them,

three linebackers: Richland High's Mario Williams and Eastern Wayne High's Manny Lawson, both of the Buffalo Bills, and Goldsboro's David Thornton, formerly with the Indianapolis Colts and the Tennessee Titans. Trot Nixon, retired Boston Red Sox right fielder, played football at New Hanover High School.

Officiating football games gives Lewis opportunity to do what he enjoys — "being around the kids," he said.

"I try to be a positive role model by demonstrating professionalism and a good attitude."

### Anthony Munford

Behavioral Treatment Technician  
Alexander Correctional Institution  
5 months of service  
Huntersville resident

Carolina but California.

"I love the game of football," he said. "I like being involved with the young, the coaches."

Munford grew up playing in Los Angeles, earning a high school athletic letter for his accomplishments. He went to officiate high school football for California schools such as Crenshaw, Long Beach, Bob Jones and Sierra.

"In one game, a kid's entire pants were yanked off," he recalled.

Munford also remembers officiating games where he saw high school players like Robert Woods, now with the Buffalo Bills, Matt Barkley and Deshaun Jackson of the Philadelphia Eagles, Toby Gerhart of the Minnesota Vikings and the Carolina Panthers' very own Steve Smith.

### Paul Price III

Sergeant  
Caledonia Correctional Institution  
15 years service  
Roanoke Rapids resident

Price played football for Weldon High School, and has been officiating for nine years in the Coastal Plains.

Weldon High also produced Kentwan Balmer, who played college ball at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and pro ball for the San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks and Carolina Panthers.

"I love the game of football," he said.

Munford loves football as much as any of the other referees from DPS. His experience is not in North





### Eric Purvis

Probation Officer  
Concord  
21 years of service  
Kannapolis resident

A referee for five years out of Metrolina, Purvis officiates at such

high schools at Al Brown, Concord, Porter Ridge, Charlotte Catholic and Davidson Day.

Purvis said he officiates because of his love of the game and his “support of young people.”

This season, Purvis was one of the officials at a Davidson Day game where its star player Will Grier set two national records — 837 yards passing and 10 touchdowns in a single game.

### Dusty W. Snider

Juvenile Court Counselor Supervisor  
Juvenile Justice 30<sup>th</sup> District  
17 years service  
Dillsboro resident

Snider has been a high school football official for about 15 years and has called basketball for more than 20 years. He played high school ball, too, at Robbinsville.

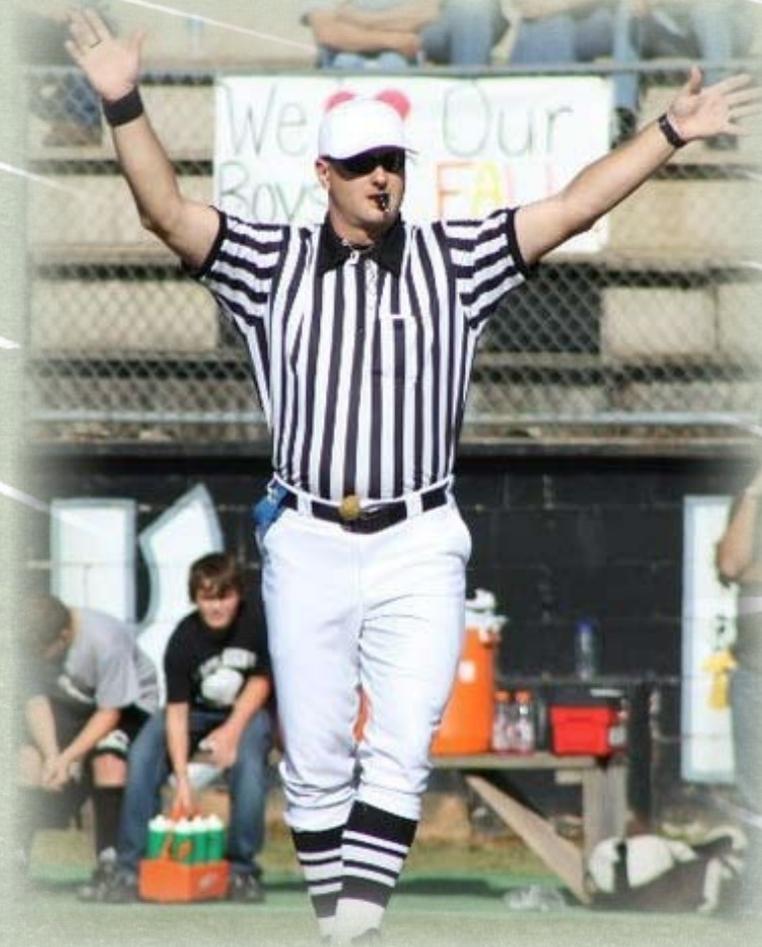
Snider said his role on the field is to maintain the rules and integrity of the game and to hold players accountable.

“I greatly enjoy the game, and I enjoy the kids, their enthusiasm and the pride in the game, and being a part of that is mostly why I officiate,” he said.

“Football is a game that all take pride in, given their role either as a player, coach, fan or official. There is much more ownership by all in attendance in a high school game than at any other level [of the sport]. The atmosphere of a high school football game under the lights on a Friday night is unmatched, in my opinion, even by college or NFL game day.”

The positive effects on the young players affect the entire community, Snider said.

“When a kid leaves all he is on the field in efforts to be victorious in a game that they enjoy so much, that builds so much character and installs many factors of discipline,” he said. “What football is — from the kids, to the coaches, to the communities and, yes, to our efforts as officials to maintain the integrity of the game, is meaningful.” ▴



Walk in  
my shoes



# Pre-trained for readiness

## Veteran came to work battle-tested

By **Patty McQuillan**, Communications Officer

With his 20-year enlistment in the United States Air Force, **Brian Falconer** well-prepared for the training supervisor job he now holds in North Carolina's Emergency Management agency.

"Brian came to NCEM and has rapidly become a go-to person in the training and exercise branch of the Logistics Section," said EM Director Mike Sprayberry. "He was a senior non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force and it truly shows on a daily basis – he leads by example."

Falconer served two-years each at air bases in Sacramento, Ca., Plattsburg, N.Y. and Tacoma, Wash. He spent his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in Mogadishu, Somalia, and his daughter was born while he was on a tour of duty in South Korea. He was also sent overseas for tours of duty in Bishkek Kyrgyzstan, Doha Qatar and Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. He landed at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base in 1998 and remained stationed there for 13 years.

For most of his service, he was a heavy equipment operator, driving bulldozers, graders and excavators, and repairing runways, fields and roads. In 2002, while in Kyrgyzstan, his squadron built Manas Air Force Base, the gateway into Afghanistan. He was in Qatar in 2003 when the war started.

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While back home in 2003 and in 2004, the Air Force decided they had too many heavy equipment operators and Falconer had to choose another career path in the service.

"I went kicking and screaming," Falconer said. "Who wouldn't like driving a bulldozer and playing in the dirt?"

The new field he chose was Emergency Management. He began training and became an emergency management superintendent with the 4th

Civil Engineer Squadron. Falconer said he really embraced his new career field and saw that it was a good move after all.

In 2007, Falconer was promoted to master sergeant while serving at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

He was sent back overseas for operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom to the UAE. Falconer helped develop operations plans on disaster response and recovery for the nearly 2,000 personnel on base.

Those plans outlined how to minimize casualties and damage from natural disasters, major accidents, war-time operations and other military operations. Plans included components such as nuclear, biological and chemical protections, keeping equipment ready and in order, being able to mobilize resources immediately and the restoration of vital functions.

In 2011, the Air Force gave Falconer new orders to re-locate to England. The Falconers had grown to love Wayne County. His wife, Vicki, had become director of Animal Control for the county, and their two children, Zachary and Ashlee were doing well in school. They decided to call North Carolina home, and Falconer retired from the Air Force.

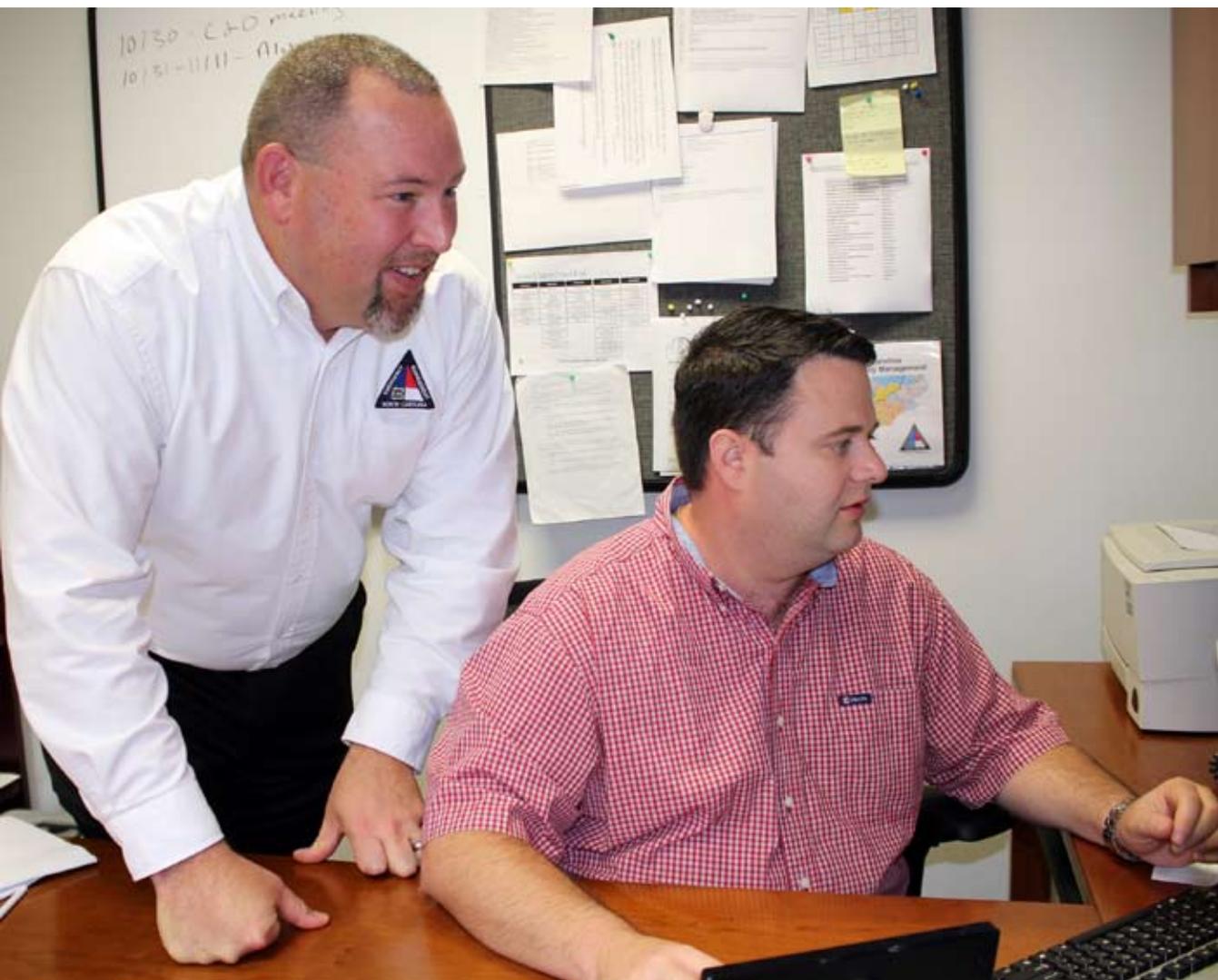
He applied as an exercise officer with North Carolina Emergency Management and was hired Sept. 1, 2011, during recovery efforts on Hurricane Irene.

"NCEM has found veterans to be outstanding employees due to their reliability, flexibility and their ability to think quickly on their feet," Sprayberry said. "Along with these qualities, they are able to grasp the nuances of the Incident Command System due to its similarity to military organizations and operations."

Falconer began helping with statewide radiological exercises, and in December 2012 he was promoted to training supervisor and administrator of TERMS (Training and Exercise Registration Management System).

Falconer said Emergency Management holds an average of 25 classes a month for 500 to 600 local first responders. The courses include training for the National Incident Management System, the Incident Command System, Search and Rescue, Helicopter and Aquatic Rescue, and training on how to set up Companion Animal Mobile Equipment trailers. Advanced Incident Management training teaches local responders how to handle large incidents such as mass flooding, and how to use resources and mitigate situations.

Brian will be leading a major exercise at one moment and then working on TERMS the next," Sprayberry said. "You always see him pitching in to



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set up and clean up. Definitely the man you want by your side when facing your next disaster event.”

Falconer said he is working with a great bunch of people. “The camaraderie here reminds me a lot of the military. I couldn’t have asked for a better group. We’re doing great things and having fun doing it.”

Falconer is a native of Brookville, Penn., where he spent his teen summers working at a local golf course, washing golf clubs, picking up range balls, helping in the golf shop and driving the golf carts. When he graduated from Brookville Area High School in 1991, he wasn’t sure what he wanted to do other than leave his small town. He convinced his parents to let him join the Air Force and “I went from golf carts to bulldozers pretty quick,” Falconer said.

Falconer remembers the cold nights plowing snow at Plattsburg Air Force Base which got the cold lake effect from nearby Lake Champlain. He ran the snow plows from 4 o’clock in the afternoon to midnight from October to April. “I learned what winter was all about.”

While there, Falconer married his high school girl friend, Vicki, and they had two children, Zachary and Ashlee. Now that they are teenagers, he spends a lot of time at their volleyball meets and football and baseball games. He and his wife also volunteer on the high school booster club. Falconer plays golf whenever he gets time, and sometimes with his son, who is on his high school golf team.

Every Veterans Day, Falconer returns to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base for the big military parade.

“I like to go and support the active troops because I know what they are going through and what their families are going through,” Falconer said. “There was never much local support of the troops until after 9-11. Boy, does it make you feel good to know you’re appreciated.” ▀



# ‘Quiet Force’ quite a force

## Life lessons show in her work

By **Diana Kees**, Communications Officer

Some of her co-coworkers call her “the Quiet Force.” She says her kids have been known to call her “the warden.” Her grandmother always told her she was born to help people. But Juvenile Chief Court Counselor Tracy Arrington takes advantage of the life experiences that have shaped her nicknames, and puts them to work helping the juveniles that come through the courthouse doors in Onslow, Sampson, Duplin and Jones counties every day.

Arrington is a single parent to six children — two biological, and four she adopted.

“With my children and five grandkids, you could say I have a small baseball team,” laughed Arrington. “My kids are an important part of my life, and my job gives me an upper hand when it comes to raising my children. Being responsible for raising my own children can seem extreme, but being responsible for thousands of other people’s children (in my current position) can be overwhelming.”

Arrington began her work in juvenile justice in 2003 as a juvenile court counselor. She became a juvenile court counselor supervisor in 2008, and was promoted to chief court counselor in May 2010. Prior to her work in the juvenile justice system, Arrington worked as a child support officer for 12 years and as a community service coordinator with the former Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

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Arrington feels that many of her life experiences enable her to say to some extent that she has walked in the shoes of some of the juveniles and parents that come through her doors. The eldest of three children, she was raised by her grandmother. Arrington had to grow up fast when she became a teen parent at age 16. However, with the steadfast support of her grandmother, she not only remained in high school, but took college courses at UNC-Wilmington during the afternoons of her senior year in high school.

"I realized (then) that without the support of someone and the determination to learn from mistakes you were not going to make it in today's world," said Arrington. "I took the attitude that I was not going to hear anyone say 'I told you so;' it just

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Arrington, standing, discusses a report on a juvenile with court counselor supervisor **Sandra Hill.**



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made me want to push myself harder.

“Just like some of the juveniles we serve need support and resources to turn to. They need to be given that push to do what is right. They don’t need to hear the ‘I told you so.’”

Another experience that shaped Arrington’s life was her brother’s death on the streets of New York at the age of 20, when he was killed by one of his friends. That event, in addition to a Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) class she took when becoming licensed as a foster parent, led her to working with children.

“What happened to my brother might have driven me toward this sort of career. And then when I took that MAPP class, I realized that I’m sort of like a foster kid myself, because I had to come live with my grandmother, so that made me really want to work with kids. I can tell the juveniles here that I know where they are coming from when they say their mom doesn’t understand them. They have respect for everything that I’ve been through, and for what I’m doing now. ‘Wow, she really does know what we’re talking about.’ That’s a big help here.”

In her role as chief court counselor, Arrington provides oversight to the four-county district’s daily operations, which involve the intake, probation and post-release supervision of the district’s adjudicated juveniles. She supervises and provides support to a court counselor supervisor, 10 juvenile court counselors and two office administrators, which involves assigning, reviewing and evaluating counseling and court service activities.

“My daily routine sometimes is set on the calendar, but not in stone because it changes like the wind,” said Arrington. Though my main office is in Jacksonville, I supervise court every other Wednesday in Sampson County, and sometimes every other Thursday in Duplin County. I visit each county’s weekly meeting with local law enforcement and mental health providers, try-



ing to seek more resources in each county; every rock needs to be overturned to serve the needs of the juveniles. Time in my office is consumed with emails, returning phone calls, meeting with providers, talking with parents, troubleshooting issues...just being the glue that keeps the district running smoothly. Though being a chief is a managerial job, I feel that getting in the trenches with the staff makes it run like clockwork.”

Arrington feels that a critical aspect of her job is to help her staff become advocates within the community for its juveniles. This occurs through collaborating over time with agencies with varying missions such as law enforcement, the courts, social services, Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils, private providers and the local school systems.

“Coordination, cooperation, participation and buy-in from various organizations is necessary for a Chief Court Counselor (and juvenile justice) to have a successful outcome for youth and families...as it pertains to intervention, prevention and aftercare,” said Arrington. [My staff and I] work through issues and get things done as a family. That’s also how we do it in the community.”

Arrington is especially proud of special substance abuse, anger management/youth empowerment and sex offender group therapy programs held onsite that her staff worked hard to arrange

with a partnership provider for some of its adjudicated juveniles. For the past 18 months, the district has operated at least two group therapy classes each Saturday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., with at least 15-20 youth in attendance; a Thursday evening class for sex offenders also occurs. The juveniles receive community service time for attending group therapy programming, as well as a certificate once they have completed the six-week course.

“I sit and listen to the children in these group sessions in awe, as they open up to their therapists,” said Arrington. “They are so grateful that someone cares enough to listen. You hear them ‘tell’ on themselves, and you know that they realize that they have been in the wrong. You hear them tell that they respect their court counselors, and that they know that their court counselor believes in them. They are respectful. Having groups here, at our office, keeps them out of trouble on Saturdays, because being here holds their feet—as well as their parent’s feet—to the fire. They will have consequences if they don’t show up, and are accountable to be here.”

The most important part of the job to Arrington is knowing that she and her staff members are making a lasting impact on the lives they touch. “I really do like what I do,” said Arrington. “Although it is not personally lucrative, it is personally fulfilling and meaningful to me. As a single mother of six children, I want the future of the juveniles that we serve to be as bright as my children’s futures.”

Arrington is a lifelong resident of North Carolina who grew up in Teachey, received her bachelor’s degree in sociology/criminal justice from UNC-Wilmington. She earned a master’s degree in criminal justice from Southern Columbia University, and is currently working on her master’s degree in business administration. As a creative outlet in her few moments of free time not spent with her six children and five grandchildren, she enjoys helping others plan their weddings. She is also a member of the Duplin County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. ▀

## ALE has new director

**Bernard W. (B.W.) Collier II**, former director and special agent in charge of the North Carolina Information Sharing and Analysis Center, a section within the N.C. Department of Justice, is the new director of Alcohol Law Enforcement.



“Collier is a great addition to the DPS law enforcement family,” said **Gregory Baker**, Department of Public Safety commissioner for Law Enforcement. “I have complete confidence in his ability to lead ALE’s Alcoholic Beverage Control and narcotics enforcement efforts.”

Collier began working for the State Bureau of Investigation in 1987 as a special agent. During the next 26 years at the SBI, he also served as a drug investigator, pilot, an arson and crime scene agent, canine handler, a technical agent and a bomb squad commander.

The North Carolina native served in the N.C. Army National Guard 1983-1989 and comes from a family of state employees. His father is a retired State Highway Patrol lieutenant, and his mother is a retired teacher.

He is married and has two grown children.

“I am humbled by the opportunity and am looking forward to working with DPS as well as all state and local agencies,” Collier said. “I’ve worked with ALE over the years in different events, and I’ve always been impressed by their professionalism and strong work ethic.” ▾

## Emergency Management fully re-accredited

The state’s Emergency Management program has been granted full re-accreditation by the national Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP).

“This is yet another affirmation of what an outstanding group of emergency managers we have in North Carolina,” said Frank Perry, secretary of the Department of Public Safety. “Time and time again our local, state and federal agencies and volunteer organizations prove they are up to the challenge and can respond to any emergency.”

The EMAP accreditation is a voluntary process for state and local government programs that coordinate preparedness and response activities for natural or man-made disasters. It affirms an agency’s ability to bring together staff and resources from a variety of organizations to prepare for, respond to and recover from any given emergency, and validates that agency can provide continuous and consistent response to disasters.

Several process areas are evaluated, and include planning, resource management, training, exercises, evaluations and corrective actions, communications and warnings. The accreditation status is valid for five years.

“In many ways, re-accreditation is even more arduous than the initial qualification process, requiring an extensive review of all aspects of our state’s emergency management programs, including ways we’ve improved our response plan and program,” said **Mike Sprayberry**, Emergency Management director. “To be recommended for full-accreditation with no deficiencies is a rare accomplishment and is extremely gratifying.”

North Carolina first earned accreditation in 2008.

“I’m extremely proud of our staff and the partnerships we’ve forged with local responders to prepare for and respond to all types of disasters,” Sprayberry said. ▾



## Looking after the pets, too

A Pamlico County couple’s donation recently helped the American Kennel Club expand its project to provide mobile pet rescue trailers to local emergency management offices across the country. Department of Public Safety Deputy Secretary **Ellis Boyle**, right, and Emergency Management Director **Mike Sprayberry**, third from the right, represented the DPS at the presentation ceremony. The contribution from Patrick and Almira Dallas provided a Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailer (CAMET) for their home county. Fundraising began Sept. 10, 2013, and prompted the donation from the Dallases, who saw the need after Hurricanes Isabel and Irene struck their county. The trailer houses typical pet supplies and can easily be deployed and set up as part of a shelter for evacuees. The animals are kept in a separate building close to the human shelter so the owners can visit, feed and take care of their animals at the shelter. This is the first CAMET trailer purchased/donated under the AKC program.

## On the Scene

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## Johnston prison's new superintendent to guide custody transition

SMITHFIELD | Drew Stanley is the new superintendent at Johnston Correctional Institution. The state prison facility houses approximately 600 adult male inmates and employs a staff of 240 people.

In his new position, Stanley will oversee the conversion of Johnston CI from a medium-custody to a minimum-custody prison facility, effective Jan. 1. The prison is also incorporating the substance abuse treatment programs that were housed at the recently closed Wayne Correctional Center in Goldsboro. It will also become a location for housing probationers serving periods of confinement in response to probation violations under the Justice Reinvestment Act.

Stanley is a 26-year corrections veteran who most recently served as assistant superintendent for programs at Nash Correctional Institution in Nashville. His corrections career began in 1987 as a correctional officer at the former Polk Youth Center.

He is a native of Nash County and a graduate of North Carolina State University with a degree in political science. He is a certified public manager and is enrolled in the Correctional Leadership Development Program. ▲



## Prisons' mental health crisis intervention training expands to Maury

Dr. **Peter Kuhns** and Dr. **Stephen Lucente** of the Central Prison Mental Health Unit in October led a pilot training at Maury Correctional Institution. The training was for Crisis Intervention Team, known as CIT. [See the April 2013 edition of On The Scene.] It provides a basic understanding of chronic mental illness and how it affects inmates. Training participants learn a variety of techniques for managing mentally ill inmates. The Maury CI training was hosted by **Walter "Lee" Futrelle**, psychological program manager, and **Kelli Whitley**, psychological service coordinator. **Terri Catlett**, Adult Facilities Health Services Department director, was the speaker at the graduation. Several volunteers assisted in the training sessions: **Carmeka Lee**, Central Prison behavioral specialist; **Lucian Hughes**, Central Prison recreational therapist; **LeeAnn Taggart**, Maury CI psychologist; **Chariesse Boyd**,

Maury CI behavioral specialist II; **Marc Jacques**, a representative of the National Association for the Mentally III; **John Scalise**, community CIT advisor. Training leaders, participants and supports shown above are, from left, Officer **Jonathan Bancroft**, Sgt. **Vernell Grantham**, Sgt. **Matthew Lennon**, Capt. **David May**, Sgt. **Christopher Copeland**, Program Supervisor **David Sauls**, Officer **Rhonda Byrd**, Capt. **Robert Ham**, Program Supervisor **Carolee Mullins**, Program Supervisor **Johnnie Joyner**, Sgt. **Billy Hinson**, Dr. **Lucente**, Program Supervisor **Angela Hunter**, Nurse **Billy Gooding**, Unit Manager **Albert Burch**, Nurse **Vera Devera**, Unit Manager **Lewis Rowe**, Nurse **Christy Richardson**, Dr. **Kuhns**, Nurse **Jennifer Bowling**, Terri Catlett, Nurse **Beverly Pickett** and **Kelli Whitley**. Kneeling is **John Herring**, assistant superintendent of custody and operations III.

## Sobering words recast sisters' view of Alcohol Law Enforcement purpose

GREENVILLE | An advisor for members of East Carolina University's Gamma Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority felt the sisters needed a wake-up call on the subject of alcohol consumption.

ECU Advisor Sara Wiggins had been met with strong resistance every time she brought up the dangers of alcohol during the past two years. Desperate for help, she contacted Alcohol Law Enforcement Special Agent in Charge Diane Chapin (District II, New Bern).

"I am kind of grasping at straws right now," Wiggins stated in an e-mail, "but was wondering if there are any presentations/programs/lectures that ALE offers which could address the legal ramifications of the poor choices these ladies are making when it comes to alcohol."

Chapin thought the 130 girls needed a shocker, and turned to Josh and Peggy Bennett. Their son, Josh, became permanently disabled in 2001 at age 18 after drinking at a licensed establishment, then crashing into a bridge while driving 70 mph in a 35 mph zone. He and his mother, Peggy, agreed to talk with the young women.

"Don't drink and drive or it will ruin your life, was the first thing Josh Bennett said," according to ALE Agent Matt Knight who also spoke to the sorority Sunday, Oct. 13. "It took awhile for Josh to get the words out, and everyone was attentive, and some girls were wiping their faces."

Knight told the girls that ALE agents were not trying to ruin their lives, but were in fact caring for their safety. He also spoke about the alcohol laws and gave them some personal experiences as an ALE agent and as a Fayetteville Police officer. Chapin spoke briefly about ALE's areas of responsibility.

After the meeting, Wiggins wrote, "I saw a few tears last night during Peggy's talk and was able to talk with some of the girls after the meeting. The feedback that I got from the girls was very positive. I think hearing a little more about ALE made them realize that what you do is to help them, not hurt them."

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### Pumpkin chunker extraordinaire

For **Bob Carbo**, sometime around Halloween is a good time to chunk pumpkins. He has a team of folks — the Onager — who compete with modern era catapults to toss pumpkins the furthest. Carbo is a psychological services coordinator for the sex offender treatment program at Harnett Correctional Institution in Lillington.

Despite gusty winds, the Onager this year had a personal best chunk of 3,105 feet. Click on the pumpkin to see a USA Today/Delaware Online news story and video featuring team captain Carbo and the Onager. ▴

### You never know who will show up

**Kristen Byrd**, who works in Juvenile Justice education, got to see an added attraction while touring the Warner Brothers studios lot in California recently. The tour cart drove her on to the set of the popular TV show “Ellen,” where Byrd got another surprise — a personal introduction to pop star Justin Timberlake. And it was all on TV. Click on the YouTube logo to see for yourself. ▴

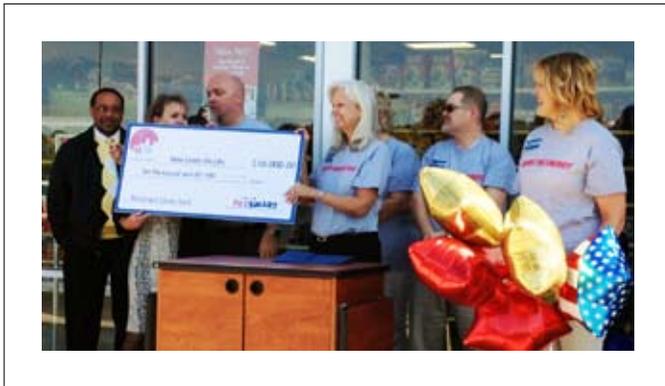
### Court counselor honored

**Lavonda Jones**, a juvenile court counselor, recently received the 2nd Annual Sandhills Enrique Camarena Law Enforcement Award.

The award honors professionals and citizens for their tireless commitment and dedication in law enforcement and their area of work. Jones received the award in the field of juvenile justice probation.

She was also rewarded for receiving the most nominations from her peers and community members in Richmond County.

The ceremony took place on Oct. 17 in Rockingham. ▴



### Pet store supports New Leash on Life

The New Leash on Life program at Randolph Correctional Center recently got a generous boost — a \$10,000 contribution from PetSmart, a national pet supplies stores. New Leash on Life pairs shelter dogs with inmates, who are taught how to train canines in obedience and demeanor. The training makes the dogs more adoptable as pets and companions.

### Honor student

**David Giro** of Pamlico Correctional Institution was recently named an honor student in a recent Basic Correctional Officer class.

### Multiple drug arrests at Buncombe County club

ASHEVILLE | Alcohol Law Enforcement agents arrested 11 people on drug charges Oct. 10 following a year-long investigation of a nightclub in west Asheville.

Arrests and search warrants were served at Club Xcapades and at residences connected to the business. Charges include the possession and sale of cocaine, marijuana and prescription medications. A weapon was also confiscated. Club Xcapades holds Alcoholic Beverage Control permits.

ALE launched the investigation as part of its Community Betterment Program. Asheville Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives assisted in the operation. ▴

### Multiple agencies target highway drug trafficking

BURLINGTON | Officers from 11 local and state law enforcement agencies focused on eastbound I-40/85 in an operation that targeted illegal drug traffickers.

The N.C. Highway Patrol, Alcohol Law Enforcement and the N.C. National Guard teamed with the Alamance County Sheriff’s Office and several municipal police agencies in the operation.

Intelligence had indicated that narcotics traffickers were using private and commercial vehicles to transport illegal drugs northward from Mexico through the United States.

In addition to officers, specialized units such as canine handling teams were being used to apprehend offenders, locate and seize contraband. ▴

### October web snares dangerous fugitives

ROCKY MOUNT | A collaboration of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies snagged 100 fugitives from the Rocky Mount area in October.

The two-week operation culminated in 100 arrests, and police served 232 search warrants. Authorities seized five firearms and 63 grams of narcotics.

Participating agencies included the sheriff’s offices in Pitt, Edgecombe and Nash counties; the Raleigh, Kinston and Greenville police departments; the State Bureau of Investigation; Alcohol Law Enforcement; and state Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice. ▴

### Sisters

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She reported that the girls thought Chapin and Knight were awesome and that “sometimes we do stupid stuff that make them have to do their job.”

“Peggy’s presentation seemed to make an impact on them,”

Wiggins wrote. “They told me that they can understand why parents worry and lecture them so much, and that it is important to make good choices, help your friends make good choices, even if it makes the friend mad at the time. I feel like FINALLY someone has reached them!”

Chapin said, “Prior to this presentation, the sorority described ALE as the ‘creepy old men downtown lurking in the corners.’ I believe we have changed their perception of us a bit in the positive direction.” ▴

## USO of NC gala honors military, guard soldier

By Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jordan  
RALEIGH | Corporate and civic leaders, senior military officers, media and entertainers, friends and supporters of the military gathered at the USO of North Carolina ninth annual Salute to Freedom Gala at the Raleigh Convention Center on Oct. 19.

They honored N.C. National Guard's Army Staff Sgt. Edgar T. Bowers and five other North Carolina military members from all of the branches for their selfless acts of service to their fellow warriors and the citizens of our nation.

"It was very humbling and overwhelming, it is a whole new experience for my wife and me," Bowers said.

Bowers earned recognition for his lifesaving efforts as part of the helo-aquatic rescue team. Bowers, fellow NCNG aircrew and civilian first responders flew a mission July



Army National Guardsman Staff Sgt. Edgar T. Bowers (center), poses with Marine Gen. John F. Kelly (left), U.S. Marine Corps Commanding General for the U.S. Southern Command, and Meredith Lindsay, Miss Spivey's Corner, after receiving the USO of N.C.'s National Guardsman of the Year Salute to Freedom Award in Raleigh on Oct. 19.

2012 to Linville Gorge. A hiker fell in the rugged mountains, suffering several broken bones, a head injury and was dehydrated from the 100-degree summer heat. A search team found the hiker, but, facing an 8-hour hike over difficult terrain, the call went out for a helicopter evacuation.

"I love my job, and I am very happy to do what no one else in North Carolina can with civilian agencies," Bowers said.

Bowers, a full-time mechanic and crew chief at the NCNG's flight facility in Salisbury, admitted a celebration with a Marine general, a singing star, dancers, musicians and even an acrobat serving champagne was a bit out of his element.

"That part is a little nerve wracking, but my wife is a very classy lady and she was there for me and kept me calm through the event," said Bowers. "She is my rock."

The gala brings the business community together and thanks them for their support of the USO and their mission to be there for the troops. ▴



## Reassuring the faithful

Commissioner **David W. Guice** of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, keynote luncheon speaker at the annual meeting of the N.C. Juvenile Services Association meeting in October, reassured the membership of the Department of Public Safety's commitment to juvenile justice in North Carolina. Below, **Billy Lassiter**, juvenile community programs director, and **Kym Martin**, Center for Safer Schools executive director, gave a presentation about the center. Also, **Betty Brown**, director of prisons chaplaincy, gave a presentation on "Women: The Ethics of Influence."





## 132nd Basic Patrol School class graduates

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol conducted its 132<sup>nd</sup> Basic Patrol School graduation on Oct. 9. The graduation ended 29 weeks of extensive academic and physical training. The new graduates and their respective duty stations are: **Anderson H. Bradley**, Troop D7-Orange; **Wesley R. Brock**, Troop C2-Wayne; **Justin M. Bullard**, Troop B7-Robeson; **Jonathan L. Carnegie**, Troop H5-Mecklenburg; **David M. Davis**, Troop A6-Craven; **Spero A. Davis**, Troop G3-Henderson; **Christopher R. Everette**, Troop A4-Washington;

**Jeremy C. Freeman**, Troop B5-Bladen; **Jonathan T. Gibbs**, Troop G6-Macon; **Scott D. Johnston**, Troop H5-Mecklenburg; **Joseph C. Keen**, Troop H6-Moore; **Matthew B. Lowry**, Troop G3-Henderson; **Silvestre Mendoza**, Troop C3-Wake; **Daniel J. Montanez**, Troop A7-Jones; **Jordan E. Parton**, Troop G5-Haywood; **Michael B. Rednour**, Troop F5-Lincoln; **Robert D. Rhodes**, Troop B1-Cumberland; **Kyle M. Thomas**, Troop E4-Forsyth; **Donald P. Tubbs**, Troop B5-Columbus; **Leevan L. Tuckler**, Troop F4-Iredell.



### Cancer fighters recognized in awareness event

The Combined Records office in the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice had an event to celebrate October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Part of the event recognized three workers who are battling cancer. They are, from left, **April Graham**, administrative assistant II, who is also the primary caregiver for her mother who is fighting cancer; **Valery Stephens**, information processing technician; and **Marina McLean**, a retiree now working in a temporary position.

### Bertie prison raises money, awareness

Bertie Correctional Institution Employee Support Committee collaborated with the State Employees Combined Campaign for a drawing that raised awareness about breast cancer and \$325 for cancer research. The October event involved a 50/50 drawing and the sale of baked goods and pink ribbons. Additionally, employees at Bertie CI pledged \$21,250 through the combined campaign this year. A wooden pink ribbon is displayed every October in support of raising breast cancer awareness. To the right are Bertie CI staff members who planned, organized and implemented the fund-raising events. From left, they are **Jason Cohoon**, unit manager and vice president of the Employee Support Committee; **Sybil Keare**, assistant unit manager and committee secretary; **Tana Hill**, unit manager and committee president; and **Patricia Cooper**, administrative secretary I / grievance coordinator and Combined Campaign representative. Officer **Barbara Howard** (not pictured) originated the idea of making and selling pink ribbons.



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## Administration

Employee's Name, Job, Organizational Unit

**Landon Hicks**, correction training instructor II, Office of Staff Development  
**Beth Thornton**, personnel technician III, Human Resources

## Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice

### Adult Facilities

**Donnie Ashley**, programs supervisor, Orange CC  
**Brandy Ballard**, personnel technician I, Central Prison  
**Gary Bobbitt**, sergeant, Caledonia CI  
**Horatio Cameron**, behavioral treatment technician,  
 Central Prison Health Complex  
**Sharon Cannon**, administrative officer I, Administration  
**Jesse Chambers**, food service manager I, Brown Creek CI  
**Kia Davis**, assistant unit manager, Southern CI  
**William Equils**, captain, Hyde CI  
**Edith Fultz**, administrative secretary II, Lanesboro CI  
**Latisha Griffin**, food service officer, Brown Creek CI  
**Samantha Horne**, sergeant, Brown Creek CI  
**Carolyn Hurdle**, unit manager, Pasquotank CI  
**Linda Jarvis**, professional nurse, Pender CI  
**Kenneth Jones**, facility maintenance supervisor IV, Craven CI  
**Kenneth Love**, sergeant, Brown Creek CI  
**Dan Lynch**, captain, Warren CI  
**Charles Mautz**, staff psychologist, Central Prison Health Complex  
**Michelle Montague**, diagnostic center director, NCCIW  
**Darrell Mullis**, lieutenant, Lanesboro CI  
**Anthony Okade**, nurse supervisor, Central Prison Health Complex  
**William Phelps**, programs supervisor, Pasquotank CI  
**Darrick Philemon**, sergeant, Lanesboro CI  
**Eluah Shaw**, sergeant, Lanesboro CI  
**Linda Smith**, accounting clerk IV, Caledonia CI  
**Benjamin Stokley**, assistant unit manager, Pasquotank CI

### Community Supervision

**Shanna Darden**, probation/parole officer, District 10-A  
**Darus Deese**, assistant judicial district manager II, District 26-B  
**Juanmanique Hedgepeth**, probation/parole officer, District 11  
**Jacqueline Murphy**, judicial district manager II, District 27  
**Jade Wayne**, probation/parole officer, District 5  
**Donald Whidbee**, probation/parole officer, District 14-B

### Juvenile Facilities

**Mary Nwogalanya**, behavioral specialist, C. A. Dillon

## Law Enforcement

### Emergency Management

**Joyce Holley**, community development specialist I, Emergency Management

### State Highway Patrol

**Bobby Taylor**, mechanic supervisor II, State Highway Patrol Troop A Garage

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## Administration

Employee's Name, Job, Organizational Unit, Service (y=year, m=months)

**Samuel Cotton**, networking technician, Information Technology, 15y8m  
**Libby Stucky**, community development specialist I,  
 Governor's Crime Commission Grants Management, 7y4m

## Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice

### Adult Facilities

**Christine Austin**, correctional officer, Foothills CI, 27y1m  
**Debra Belcher**, lieutenant, Greene CI, 30y  
**Gloria Best**, correctional officer, Wayne CC, 18y5m  
**Thelma Dudley**, sergeant, Wayne CC, 18y8m  
**Johnny Duncan**, correctional officer, Caswell CC, 10y5m  
**Michael Ellis**, correctional officer, Greene CI, 20y1m  
**George Fetherbay**, correctional officer, Caldwell CC, 15y2m  
**Kenneth Ford**, food service manager I, Caledonia CI, 29y  
**Fenton Gates**, correctional officer, Greene CI, 14y1m  
**Michael Horne**, correctional officer, Lincoln CC, 25y6m  
**Abdul Husamudeen**, sergeant, Harnett CI, 26y2m  
**Peter James**, correctional officer, Odom CI, 17y7m  
**Kenneth Jarman**, sergeant, Wayne CC, 28y  
**Douglas Jones**, food service manager II, Franklin CC, 33y2m  
**Katherine Kalanz**, library technician, Harnett CI, 5y6m  
**Joyce Kornegay**, administrator I, Warren CI, 29y4m  
**Richard Lewis**, correctional officer, Wayne CC, 8y5m  
**Darla Little**, programs director I, Carteret CC, 19y2m  
**Robert Mackinnon**, lead correctional officer, Marion CI, 18y11m  
**Roger Moon**, administrator II, Western Region, 26y10m  
**J B Myers**, correctional officer, Caldwell CC, 18y11m  
**Jack Poteet**, correctional officer, Foothills CI, 19y7m  
**William Randolph**, correctional officer, Craggy CC, 20y10m  
**John Stewart**, correctional officer, Southern CI, 29y11m  
**Robert Walls**, lieutenant, Tillery CC, 17y4m  
**David Whitfield**, inmate disciplinary hearing officer,  
 Adult Facilities Administration, 32y1m  
**Otis Woodcock**, lieutenant, Pamlico CI, 13y1m

### Community Supervision

**Patti Avery**, administrative officer II, Special Operations-2, 28y11m  
**Betty Bauer**, administrator, Division 3, 33y2m  
**Linwood Brown**, probation/parole officer, District 7, 33y1m  
**Debra Debruhl**, administrator, Division 4, 34y2m  
**Sandra Holland**, manager II, District 27, 30y9m  
**Ralph Huffman**, probation/parole officer, District 25, 24y2m  
**Patricia Miller**, office assistant IV, District 14, 20y3m  
**Ginnie Tew**, judicial services coordinator, District 11, 24y1m

### Correction Enterprises

**Bjarne Bojstrup**, long distance truck driver, Correction Enterprises -  
 Apex Warehouse, 5y7m



## Hot and spicy in the Randall Building

The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Health Services Section sponsored a chili cook-off in October supporting this year's State Employees Combined Campaign. Employees of the Randall Building were invited to enter the contest, and nine contestants were judged by Food Services staff members **Jackie Parker, Patrice Carr, Kelli Harris and Elaina Ebersole**. The entries were judged on aroma, "bite," color, consistency, originality and taste. Winners were: First, **Patrick Hurley**, food service officer, Vocational Test and Training Kitchens and the Wake Correctional Center Chefs with their "Sizzlin Southern Heat"; second, **Gwen Norville**, deputy director, Adult and Juvenile Facilities, with her "North Cackilacky"; and third, **Janice McLean**, medicaid program facilitator with her "Chorizo Chili." First place prize was a \$25 gift card. The winners "cooled off" off after the spicy competition with ice cream. Employees were invited to attend the festivities and for a donation of \$4 received chili with all the fixings and a beverage. Desserts were served for an additional 50 cents. The Health Services Section raised \$400 for their chosen charity, "Masonic Home for Children in Oxford." Above, from left, with the Wake CC team in their uniforms, are James R. Gorham, executive officer, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, and Patrick Hurley, Gwen Norville and Janice McLean.

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### Juvenile Justice

**Russell Davis**, juvenile court counselor, District 18, 29Y4M

### Law Enforcement

#### State Highway Patrol

**Andrew Combs**, first sergeant, Unit Command Accreditation and Inspection, 28y2m

**Charles Johnston**, first sergeant, SHP Troop A, District 7, 23y10m

**James McKinney**, trooper - Master S & W, SHP Troop F, District 9, 28y5m

**Christopher Robinson**, trooper - S & W, SHP Troop G, District 9, 24y1m

**Timothy Simmons**, first sergeant, SHP Troop H, District 6, 27y

**Kathy Terrell**, patrol telecommunicator, SHP Troop D, Telecommunications, 26y

**James Tew**, trooper, SHP Troop C, District 6, 28y2m

**Eric Todd**, trooper S & W, SHP Troop E, District 9, 24y4m

# PASSINGS

## Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice

### Adult Facilities

**Danny Small**, correctional officer, Columbus CI, 10y9m

**Sharon Williams**, processing assistant III, Neuse CI, 6y9m

### Juvenile Justice

**Jamae Warren**, school administrator, Education Services, 32y7m

# Millions of Android users vulnerable to security threats

Google's Android operating system continues to be the predominant target of malware threats.

It may surprise many who think of Microsoft's Windows as king of the hill, but the cellphone explosion has made Android the world's most widely used operating system, with hundreds of millions of users worldwide. And that kind of popularity attracts hackers.

In fact, a new report from the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI specifically underscores the threats law enforcement officials face in using older versions of the mobile platform.

### Older version dangers

According to the report, upwards of 44 percent of

Android users worldwide still use versions 2.3.3 to 2.3.7, which contain security vulnerabilities that were fixed in later versions.

Android continues to be a "primary target for malware attacks due to its market share and open source architecture," the report adds. Its popularity "makes it more important than ever to keep mobile [operating systems] patched and up-to-date."

Other highlights from the report:

- ▲ 79 percent of malware threats affect Android, with 19 percent targeting the competing Symbian operating system. Windows Mobile, BlackBerry, iOS, and others peg in at less than 1% each.
- ▲ SMS text messages represent "nearly half" of the malicious applications circulating today on older

Android operating systems. Users can mitigate this risk by installing Android security suites on their devices.

- ▲ "Rootkits," a popular form of malware, also pose a massive threat. These rootkits often go undetected and can log usernames, passwords, and traffic without the user's knowledge — a serious security risk in a government or corporate setting. ▲

