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A cleaner state is a safer state, so the N.C. Department of Public Safety has teamed up with Waste Industries to install 10 Litter Free NC billboards along major thoroughfares in the state. Also, Charlie Rose, talk show host and journalist on "CBS This Morning" and native son, talks about keeping North Carolina clean. Click the picture to see. The billboard artwork was created by **Kathy Mason**, DPS graphic designer.



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# Volunteers

## A salute to your selflessness

*Love and compassion  
are necessities,  
not luxuries.  
Without them,  
humanity  
cannot survive.*

— Dalai Lama

*Compiled by **George Dudley**, Editor*

Volunteers and their spirit are widely celebrated and lauded during April. Since 2012, *On the Scene* has published numerous articles that have alluded to employees' selfless passion for making life better for other people. But those articles only hinted at the body of compassion that thrives in the Department of Public Safety, because you so often have given something of yourselves to someone else who needs it.

Knowing that, *On The Scene* embarked on a mission to tell all who read this employee news magazine about your volunteer spirit. We did so well aware of the difference that is being made and can be made when 27,000 people place themselves at the center of change.

The magnitude of your response is astounding, amazing and affirming. But here's the thing: Although we present below dozens of your stories, we know that multiple dozens more remain to be told.

These responses resonate loudly with a call to compassion: You should volunteer, too. Read further, and allow these responses to tell you why.

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**Ashley Alley**, right.

**Ashley Alley**

Field Specialist  
Community Corrections  
District 19A

**Volunteer tenure:** 1 year

**Why:** "I believe that all animals are God's creatures and we are put on this earth to care for them as Christ cares for us."

**Where and what:**

*CrossFit Rowan's CrossFit Competition.* A portion of the proceeds from the fundraiser go to Kreitzer's Critter Corral Puppy Rescue. Alley helps operate the event with setup, scoring, soliciting and setting up vendors, scheduling and communicating. Kreitzer's Critter Corral Puppy Rescue specializes in rescuing puppies 12 weeks and younger, especially the orphaned and abandoned infant puppies that need to be bottle-fed, as well as pregnant dogs and dogs that have recently given birth.

"While volunteer work is important to several organizations and causes, it also has a positive effect on the volunteer," Alley said. "Volunteering makes me feel good, to be able to give back to the community or to affect a life in a positive way."

**James "JJ" Amelia**

Chief Probation/Parole Officer  
Caldwell County

**Volunteer tenure:** 19 years

**Why:** "Volunteering is important to the fabric of the life of each community."

**Where and what:**

*Wig Bank of Caldwell County.* The organization helps cancer patients in Caldwell County with counseling, group therapy, some financial assistance, and wigs, caps and hats for cancer patients who lose their hair. It honors cancer survivors at events throughout the year, memorializes those who lost their battles and provides college scholarships. Amelia serves on the organization's board, which is comprised of local caring people and conducts fundraising to carry out its mission.

*Caldwell Memorial Hospital Foundation.* A board member, Amelia helps with fundraising efforts.

*Chamber of Commerce.* Amelia helps the chamber conduct its annual Bridge to Bridge Race.

Local government services alone are not enough to improve a community, Amelia said.

"The quality of life in any town is determined by its residents' willingness to make the community a better place to live," he said. "Every community is made better by its Little League coaches, service organizations, its local Red Cross, and its Boy and Girl scouts. These organizations are the glue to keep communities thriving."

**Connie Barton**

Assistant Director  
Administrative Services  
Central Engineering

**Volunteer tenure:** 21 years

**Why:** "I believe that a boy engaged in Scouting will learn values and behaviors that will serve him the rest of his life, and he will serve his community, family and everyone he contacts."

**Where and what:**

*Boy Scouts of America.* Barton has had a variety of positions over her years of service to the organization. As Advancement chair for the Neusiok District (Johnston County), Tuscarora Council, she reviews and approves local Eagle Scout projects for Scouts by working closely with the Scouts to identify a service project that they plan and complete prior to turning age 18. As a member of the Council's training staff, Barton leads training activities for Scouts and adult leaders.

"Scouting is one of the few programs that still promotes character development above athletic achievement," she said. "Without the adult volunteers who lead the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture Crews, Explorer Posts and so on, the program would not succeed."

In 2003, when she was working closely with Troop 124 in Clayton, Barton received the Governor's Award of Excellence for public service.



**Chariesse Boyd**

Behavioral  
Specialist II  
Maury  
Correctional  
Institution

**Volunteer tenure:** One year

**Why:** "I strongly feel one of my

primary purposes on earth is to be a helper to others, especially those who may be less fortunate than myself."

**Where and what:**

*Pitt County Family Shelter* in Greenville. Chariesse prepares breakfast weekly and encourages the homeless guests while serving them every Monday morning.

*Ronald McDonald House* in Greenville. Chariesse uses her community service leave and off-duty time being helpful at the facility for families of long-term hospital patients.

**Keith Brown**

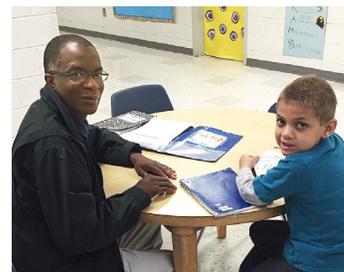
Juvenile Court Counselor  
Juvenile Justice District 22

**Volunteer tenure:** Seven months

**Why:** "Teachers need extra support and I want the boy that I am assigned to know that there is someone out there who cares about him and wants him to be successful."

**Where and what:**

*Mocksville Elementary School.* Brown is a Reading Buddy to a first grade student. For an



hour a week, he reads books, practices sight words, and teaches math facts. His volunteer work has helped the student's growth in learning and behavior.

Brown said that, as a juvenile court counselor, his Reading Buddy work will likely prevent future at-risk or delinquent behavior by the student.

"The impact of a child connecting and feeling comfortable in school at an early age is critical to decision making just a few years later," he said.

**Bill Chamberlain**

Radiological Emergency  
Program Training Officer  
Division of Emergency  
Management

**Volunteer tenure:** One year

**Why:** He has a heart for youths who are highly at risk of becoming involved in gangs.

**Where and what:**

*BUILD* (Building, Uplifting & Impacting Lives Daily). The gang violence prevention group works through the Durham public school system to help kids who have been abandoned by parents or have the streets as their parents. Chamberlain got men from his church — St. Joseph AME in Durham — involved in such activities for the youths as a basketball league with an academic focus. He recently took 30 of the youths to a UNC-Chapel Hill men's team basketball practice, where Coach Roy Williams spoke to the youths after the practice.



**Leslie Clothier**

Probation/Parole Officer  
Moore County

**Volunteer tenure:** 12 years

**Why:** “It takes maybe a few hours of your time a month to make a difference ... I believe in giving time; it means more.”

**Where and what:**

*Special Olympics.* Clothier coaches for basketball, track and golf. She began as a teenager in Michigan before moving to North Carolina.

Clothier said setting aside personal time to help someone else is a big step.

“It is very easy to make a difference in someone else’s life or even just make them smile,” she said.

“And to be completely honest: It changes you as well. There is no greater feeling in the world than to see a child with special needs smile. It is my relax time! I am now a mother of a 1-year-old who

has special needs, and it has not stopped my ambition at all for what I do with these athletes. I put her in her stroller and take her with me.”

**David Damman**

Probation/Parole Officer II  
Guilford County

**Volunteer tenure:** 20+ years

**Why:** “Why would I not? It costs me nothing to donate blood, time and energy. Experience has taught me that you can’t save them all, but a little bit of kindness alleviates a bit of suffering in the world.”

**Where and what:**

*Blood Bank.* Damman has regularly given blood for more than 20 years.

*Animal rescue.* He has been a volunteer with several animal rescue groups for more than three years. The groups include Unchain Guilford, Project BARK, Merit Pit Bull Foundation, and Ready to ROLL. He fosters dogs, handles dogs at adoption events, and transports dogs on their way to rescue groups up north. He helps build fences to help people who cannot afford to build pens in Guilford County, which has a no-tethering ordinance. Through Project Bark, Damman help offenders take care of their dogs that need adequate food, shelter, medication and spaying or neutering. *Fraternal Order of Police Triad Lodge 79.* Since 2010 he has participated in the Cops & Kids Christmas event and the Easter Baskets for Needy Elderly.

**L. Rohn Daughtry**

Judicial Services Coordinator  
Community Corrections,  
Kinston

**Volunteer tenure:** 38 years

**Why:** Keeping people safe is important.

**Where and what:**

*United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.* The organization is a civilian volunteer corps of the US Coast Guard that supports the active duty



Coast Guard doing most any duty other than law enforcement. Auxiliary members wear nearly the same uniform as active duty members. Daughtry is among the volunteers whose main mission is boating safety education. He is an instructor, vessel safety examiner and aids to navigation verifier. He was recently elected to be vice commander of the New River Flotilla in Jacksonville.

“I was a volunteer fireman and emergency medical technician for 30 years and needed something different; this has been it,” he said. “I meet lots of people and I really like how the active duty treats us as ‘part of the family.’”

**Cassandra Douglas-Dean**

Judicial Services Coordinator,  
Guilford County  
Community Corrections

**Volunteer tenure:**  
Two years



**Why:** “Volunteering is a way for me to give back to the community and to have an impact in someone’s life and meet new people. Volunteering also gives me a chance to learn a new skill and associate myself with some worthwhile experiences.”

**Where and what:**

*North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program and Teen Court.* The Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program provides trained independent advocates to represent and promote the best interests of abused, neglected and dependent children in the state court system and to work toward a plan that ensures that these children are in a safe permanent home. When the Department of Social Services files a petition alleging abuse or neglect, a GAL is appointed to represent the child; the judge has the discretion to appoint GAL in dependency cases.

Through Teen Court, juvenile first-time offenders are given a chance to turn their lives around and avoid a criminal record. Youths are sentenced by a jury of their peers to perform community service, attend educational seminars and/or provide restitution for their acts.

“I really enjoy what I do for both agencies,” Douglas-Dean said. If we had more volunteers, this would be a much better world to live in. As it has been stated before, it takes a village to raise a child.”

**Lorrie L Dollar**  
Chief Operating  
Officer  
Department of  
Public Safety

**Volunteer tenure:**

Nine years

**Why:** “I believe it is important to share your time, talents and treasures with those who are called to serve others, as well as for those who are less fortunate. It is important to contribute to your community.”

**Where and what:**

*Occoneechee Council, Boy Scouts of America.* Dollar chairs Cub Scout Pack 222, is a Merit Badge counselor and assists Troop 613. She has been involved in Scouting since 2006. *Wake County Schools.* She is a classroom volunteer and PTA member since 2006 in elementary and middle schools. *Sir Walter Cabinet.* The organization is comprised of legislative spouses and female elected officials. Dollar is a lifetime member.

*North Carolina Bar Association.* Dollar participated in the Wills for Heroes program, which provided wills and advanced healthcare directives for military, law enforcement and first responders.

*Christmas boxes for troops.* Through the United Service Organization and her church, Colonial Baptist Church in Cary, she has helped stuff gift boxes for military personnel. The boxes contain cookies,



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cards, toiletries, snacks, small gifts and gift cards. *Vacation Bible School.* Dollar has for numerous years volunteered in the summer education sessions at her hometown church, Holy Trinity Lutheran in Troutman.

“I enjoy helping others, and I always learn something from each experience,” Dollar said.

**Angela Dorman**

CAD Designer  
Central Engineering

**Volunteer tenure:** Five years

**Why:** “Giving my time to causes that I am passionate about



provides a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment as well as the satisfaction of knowing that I have helped my fellow man. To me, focusing outside of your own situation allows you to truly appreciate the blessings of

your life and puts any problems that you may have into a larger context, which often makes you realize that your own problems are small when compared to problems that other people face.”

**Where and what:**

*HIS Radio WRTP Hearts for Kids and Blanket Bundles.* Dorman helps Hearts for Kids assemble and deliver Cheer Packets on Valentine’s Day to children

in area hospitals. Volunteer teams and hospitals ensure that every sick child who has to be in the hospital on Valentine’s Day is not forgotten and does not miss out on the “fun” of the day.

With Blanket Bundles, she helps staff the collection sites. Community members tie up nonperishable foods in a blanket and deliver them to collection sites. The bundles are made available to missions for their food pantries and for hungry and homeless people.

“Everyone needs help at some point in their life,” Dorman said.

**Chelsea Hayes**

Probation/Parole Officer  
Guilford County

**Volunteer tenure:** 1.5 years

**Why:** “I truly believe that we have to take the initiative if we want to see change in the world.”

**Where and what:**

*Dudley Four Association, Greensboro.* Hayes helps the organization carry out its mission to influence, educate and expose North Carolina’s youths of their inner greatness through community service, performing arts and self-empowerment initiatives while proactively closing achievement gaps. She also helps coordinate events with Dudley High School students to show them the true meaning of “giving back” to their community.



**Robert Hebert**

Special Agent  
Alcohol Law Enforcement  
Fayetteville

**Volunteer tenure:** Two-and-a-half years.

**Why:** “There is a great need for people with medical and rescue training in Bladen County. The county has only a small EMS capability. It relies heavily on volunteers.”

**Where and what:**

*Tar Heel Rescue Squad, Tar Heel.* The squad provides advanced and basic life support medical services and light technical rescue services to central and northwestern Bladen County. It is the primary provider of emergency medical services in that area every night and weekend after Bladen County EMS Units are out of service. Even though EMS services are supervised by the county medical director and controlled through the Bladen County EMS director, Tar Heel Rescue members are all unpaid volunteers. Many members work as EMS employees at other agencies. Two law enforcement officers are on the squad.

Hebert was able to take a skill developed with ALE EMT training and certification and use it in a non-law enforcement role to help provide a needed service in the community where he resides. In North Carolina and Bladen County, it is difficult and expensive to become a certified volunteer.

“It reflects well on ALE and law enforcement as a whole, when law enforcement officers volunteer and the community sees us as there to help, and



not simply as the police who are waiting to hand out tickets,” he said.

**Dianne Hunt**

Office Assistant III  
Lumberton Correctional Institution

**Volunteer tenure:** 12 years

**Why:** “Both my grandmother and aunt passed with Alzheimer’s disease. Therefore, I am committed to this cause. I feel volunteering should be instrumental in everyone’s life of service.”

**Where and what:**

*Alzheimer’s North Carolina.* Hunt helps raise funds that are used in research for a cure for Alzheimer’s. The organization delivers services through a partnership of professional staff, volunteers and other community supporters.



**Anna Knapp**

Probation/  
Parole  
Officer II,  
Wilkes County  
Community  
Corrections

**Volunteer tenure:** Two years

**Why:** “I choose to volunteer to make a difference in our community, and to teach my boys how to give and to care about others.”

**Where and what:**

*Hunter’s Heroes.* Knapp is a member of a committee that operates the nonprofit organization that was created to inspire a community to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to the community and to support the loved ones who lost someone too soon. Hunter’s Heroes started as a fundraising memorial run for Deputy William Mast Jr., who died suddenly in the line of duty; and for Mast’s son, Hunter, who was born 17 days after his father’s death. Also assisted was Trooper Randall Townsend, whose daughter, Peyton, died. The organization honors public safety officers and military personnel for their service to North Carolina and to the United States. The intention is to remember and celebrate their commitment and to provide financial support to their families in times of need. *High Country First in Families.* Knapp is on a management team for the nonprofit



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organization that helps families that have members with developmental disabilities. She helps the families find needed care and support with financial and educational assistance through fundraising and community awareness opportunities.

“It is important to show the community that there are people and services out there to help, no matter how big or small, young or old, and able or disabled,” Knapp said. “I strive to show people the benefits of my work so they will join in and make a difference as well. A small pay-it-forward that someone did not plan to do could mean the world to another.

“We are there to make the community as a whole a better place.”

**Jonathan Lanehart**

Correctional Officer  
Tabor Correctional Institution  
**Volunteer tenure:** 20 years

**Why:** “It is the responsibility of one generation to pass the values and principles we have to the next generation.”

**Where and what:**

*Boy Scout Troop 512, Whiteville.* Lanehart is Scoutmaster of the troop, the purpose of which is leadership and character development, with a large focus on citizenship and the outdoors, for young men ages 12-18.



“To me it is important to volunteer with the youth of my community because they will be the business and political leaders of tomorrow,” Lanehart said.

**Henry Lee**

Social Worker  
Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center  
**Volunteer tenure:** 30 years

**Why:** “I love my community.”

**Where and why:**

*Hellfighters of Concord.* Lee is chaplain of a motorcycle ministry, which is an independent, nondenominational league of extraordinary Christians who serve Christ regardless of the cost. The members also reach out to the homeless – including homeless veterans – the addicted and people just trying to get through the day.

“We work hard to help make the change that many people want, and they just need help getting there,” Lee said.



**Amy M. Leonard**

Classification Coordinator  
Piedmont Correctional Institution

**Volunteer tenure:** 10+ years.

**Why:** “I got started because a friend asked me to help. The giving of a person’s time is a selfless act of kindness to make someone else’s life better, or in the eyes of a rescued animal, a ‘fur’-ever home.”



**Where and what:**

*City of Lexington Parks and Recreation.* Leonard is a cheerleading, T-ball/C-ball coach and concession worker for special events. She also helps provide opportunities for youths and adults to enjoy athletic and program opportunities *Lexington Senior High School Boosters Club.* Leonard assists with activities and fundraisers that enrich the school’s athletic community.

*Special Olympics Rowan County.* She helps at fundraisers and at games in Raleigh.

*Community In Schools Lexington/Davidson.* Leonard helps support students to empower them to stay in school and achieve.

*Relay For Life of Davidson County.* She assists the program with fundraising for the American Cancer Society for research and to help find a cure for cancer, to honor cancer survivors and caregivers and to remember those who lost their battle to cancer.

*Ontario Bloodhound Rescue.* The organization helps find adopters for homeless bloodhounds. *Moving Mutts and Mousers Transport.* The group provides

safe transport for dogs to approved shelters, rescuers and adopters. *National Bone Marrow Registry/ Be The Match Program.* Leonard donated stem cells to an anonymous recipient.

“Volunteering has been a very rewarding experience for me,” Leonard said. “Consider registering with the National Bone Marrow Registry. You may be the match for a person in need to help save their life.”



**Lt. Charles R. Lee**

Training Academy  
North Carolina Highway Patrol  
**Volunteer tenure:** 20 years

**Why:** “My parents were active in our community when I was growing up ... [and] taught me the Christian value of serving others. That is one of the reasons why I became a state trooper, to serve the public.”

**Where and why:**

*Durham Masonic Lodge #352.* A member for 20 years, Lee has been Master. The Masons support the Masonic Home for

Children in Oxford, the Eastern Star Home in Greensboro and local charities and events. *Bethesda Ruritan Club* in Durham. Lee is member of the club’s executive board. The club supports local charities, including the Durham County Sheriff’s Office GREAT Program, the Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts, Special Olympics, local residents in need, an annual blood drive coordinated by Lee’s wife and daughters, and annually raise \$20,000 for scholarships.

*Special Olympics North Carolina.* Lee is the Highway Patrol’s agency coordinator and serves the State Executive Council. He has been involved since 1994 with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics North Carolina, which has generated more than \$20 million for Special Olympics North Carolina since its inception in 1987.

*Kerr Family YMCA Polar Plunge.* Lee, along with his daughter, took the plunge in the event, which was hosted by the N.C. Highway Patrol.

**Omar Long**

Teacher  
Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center  
**Volunteer tenure:** Two years

**Why:** “I wanted to lend my skills as an educator and motivator to the local community to decrease the number of teenage boys I encounter in my facility.”

**Where and what:**

*PHILAINC (Parents Helping Intercede in Lives of Adolescents*

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Inc.). The organization is a tutorial program for at risk children in the Concord, Salisbury, Kannapolis and Davidson areas.

“I realized that if I intervene in the community it may decrease the propensity for delinquency,” he said.

**Angeline Mthenjane**

Accounting Technician  
Controller’s Office

**Volunteer tenure:** Seven years

**Why:** “I believe people should get involved in helping others, because, as individuals, we all need to assist each other in areas that we feel passionate about.”

**Where and what:**

*National Alliance on Mental Illness.* Facilitates a support group for family members who are dealing with a mentally ill relative or friend, addressing topics about communications with a mentally ill individual, lifetime changes and information regarding resources for both the mentally ill and their families. She helps families who don’t know how to deal with their mentally ill individual, giving them an outlet to share their struggles and seek guidance on coping skills and education about mental illness.

“It makes me feel happy to know that I have made a difference in somebody else’s life by just being present and sharing their struggles,” Mthenjane said.

**Cindy McLean**

Director of Nursing  
Central Prison Healthcare  
Complex

**Volunteer tenure:** Three years.

**Why:** “Volunteering time assists organizations who do great things [by expanding their] capability to reach more people in need.”

**Where and what:**

*Raleigh First Assembly.* McLean helps the religious organization and church do extensive missions work locally and globally.

“Volunteers make programs run, give people the opportunity to showcase their talents — often outside their profession — and improve the community as a whole,” McLeans said.

“Serving others reminds me what is important in life and allows me to make a difference in the lives of others. An added benefit to volunteering is the ability to make new friends who have passions similar to yours and who also give of themselves.”

**Mike Moody**

Correctional Officer  
Mountain View Correctional  
Institution

**Volunteer tenure:** Five years

**Why:** “If not me, then who?”

**Where and what:**

*Long Town Volunteer Fire Department.* Moody is assistant chief and first responder, responsibilities that required numerous hours of personal time to become certified.

*Tablerock FOOLS (Fraternal Order of Leatherhead Society).* A brotherhood of firefighters, the members support not only fellow firefighters and their



**Mike Moody**

families during their times of need, but also community residents.

Moody feels a personal responsibility to others.

“I believe volunteers are needed to make our communities and the people who live in them stronger,” he said.

**Kate O’Brien**

Juvenile Court Counselor  
Chatham and Alamance  
counties

**Volunteer tenure:** Five years

**Why:** “Because I can.”

**Where and what:**

*Legal Aid of North Carolina.* O’Brien provides attorney services for Re-entry Clinics (which deal with expunctions) and Wills Clinics. The services include supervising law students and paralegals as they interview clients and draft wills, advance directives and powers of attorney and help them to evaluate whether a client is eligible to have one or more charges expunged from a criminal record. She has also represented clients pro bono who were victims of domestic violence or tenants in landlord/tenant disputes.

*PTA Thrift Shop.* O’Brien supervises one night a month.

*Durham Food Bank.* With members of her family, she sorts and packages food for distribution. The involvement started as a school project by her daughter.

*Dogs Off Chains* in Chatham County. Participants assemble enclosures that give dogs free range of motion in fenced-in yards, so the dogs will not have to be chained.

*North Carolina Guardian ad Litem.*

A GAL helps protect children who have been deemed by the court as abused, neglected or dependent. The responsibility involves meeting with the child, Department of Social Services, family members, schools, employers, treatment facility staff, day care staff, attorneys, judges and others.

O’Brien said everyone can be helpful.

“There is not a single person who cannot give back to the community in some way, however small,” she said. “I am convinced that I get far more benefit — in terms of my own well-being and happiness — than I could ever confer.”

**Yogesh Patel**

Network  
Technician  
State Highway  
Patrol

**Volunteer tenure:** 10 years

**Why:** “I like to volunteer while keeping one thing in mind — ‘In the joy of others lies our own.’”



**Where and what:**

*BAPS Charities.* Patel helps the nonprofit organization raise money for worthy causes, by living in the spirit of service. He has helped plan and participated in annual fundraising walkathons. Recent beneficiaries have been Duke Children’s Hospital in 2014 and this year the proceeds will go to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

“The work of BAPS Charities is possible only by the involvement of ordinary individuals with an extraordinary spirit of service,” Patel said. “We believe that the success of BAPS Charities lies in the hands and hearts of our members and volunteers.”

**Derrick Reynolds**

Substance Abuse Counselor  
Catawba Correctional Center

**Volunteer tenure:** Eight years

**Why:** “I love volunteering because I have over 27 years of recovery.”

**Where and what:**

*Fynn Recovery in Morganton.* The facility helps young men get off and stay off drugs and alcohol and learn to live a new way of life. Reynolds is a drug counselor on the Catawba County Council on Alcohol/Drug Abuse.

Reynolds said that volunteering hits home.

“Along with giving back to family and community, I am giving back to Flynn Home where I once lived myself,” Flynn said.

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**Bryan Richardson**

Correctional Officer  
Special Operations  
Lanesboro Correctional  
Institution.

**Volunteer  
tenure:** 26  
years

**Why:** "I  
love helping  
people and  
never expect  
any reward."

**Where and  
what:**

At East Side  
Volunteer

Fire Department, Richardson is  
a firefighter/engineer.

"I love the volunteer fire  
service, and feel that it's a very  
important part of our society,"  
he said.



**Tony Rocha**

VIPER Maintenance  
Coordinator I

State Highway Patrol

**Volunteer tenure:** Three years

**Why:** "I don't have the money  
to give but I have the time.  
We should give in the manner  
we can; time is money, too,  
for some of these organiza-  
tions. I became a volunteer  
after witnessing others give of  
themselves. I was like, 'If they  
give, they can serve; why am I  
not doing what I can to be of  
service to others?'"

**Where and what:**

*Raleigh Rescue Mission.* Among  
the services provided by Ra-  
leigh Rescue Mission is feeding  
homeless and hungry people.  
Rocha, who has a four-day  
work week, prepares and cooks

breakfast at the mission on  
first and third Fridays. He ris-  
es at 3 a.m. to get there by 4  
a.m., serving men first at 6:15  
and then the women and chil-  
dren at 6:45.

"Everyone there — staff,  
the men, women and children  
who live and work there — are  
always very kind and appreci-  
ative," Rocha said. "For the  
short time I am there, it's  
about serving them with a  
smile and sincere well wishes  
... Raleigh Rescue Mission is  
a wonderful place, helping  
people do great things for  
themselves."

*Durham Veterans Administration  
Hospital.* As a volunteer there  
on first and third Sundays,  
Rocha helps patients who are  
confined to a wheelchair get to  
Sunday morning services in the  
chapel. He is in his first year at  
the facility, after being moti-  
vated to help by news reports  
of bad treatment of veterans.

"It was heartbreaking," he  
said. "As much as they need  
the help, you can tell they wish  
it wasn't so. These are men  
and women who risked all for  
love of God and country. They  
want to do for themselves but  
some no longer can."

*Richland Creek Community  
Church.* Rocha helps his church,  
which is in Wake Forest, con-  
duct an annual food drive, a  
blood drive and a free medical  
and dental services clinic. The  
food drive collected 40,000  
pounds of nonperishable foods  
donated by community resi-  
dents. The blood drive was in  
response to a blood shortage.  
Scores of people began lining  
up at 2 a.m. for the medical

and dental clinic.  
*Historic Stagville.* The N.C. De-  
partment of Cultural Resourc-  
es state historic site in Durham  
is a former employer of Rocha,  
who helps manage parking  
during special events. Other  
volunteer opportunities include  
giving tours and helping with  
educational programs and spe-  
cial events.

"These organizations need  
and deserve all the recognition  
they can have come their way,"  
Rocha said. "They could also  
use all the time, money or both  
volunteers have to spare. They  
are truly God's angels on earth  
doing God's work."

**Capt. Lewis Rowe**

Bertie  
Correctional  
Institution  
**Volunteer**

**tenure:** Six  
years

**Why:** "I get  
more out  
of coaching  
than I could  
ever hope  
to give. I love being called  
'coach.'"

**Where and what:**

*Greenville Little League.* The  
league provides positive role  
models for young athletes by  
encouraging self-esteem build-  
ing activities. Rowe has been  
a volunteer coach with the  
league for the past five years.  
*Pitt Greenville Titans.* The orga-  
nization is a Christian football  
team involved in the Fellowship  
of Christian Athletes. Rowe has  
been a coach for the past six  
years and has coached a total  
of 11 teams, giving an average



of 15 to 20 hours a week  
during football season. He has  
coached all groups from age 7  
to 12.

"Coaching provides me  
with a positive balance with  
the negativity of work and the  
positive results of mentoring  
young men and women," Rowe  
said.

**Susie Smith**

Office Assistant V  
Black Mountain Substance  
Abuse Treatment Center for  
Women

**Volunteer tenure:** 33 years

**Why:** "As an American citizen  
and resident in my community,  
it is my duty to put my ener-  
gies back into the community,  
working to make it a better  
place to live for our generation  
and for future generations.  
Volunteering allows me to fo-  
cus on others, hoping to give  
them a glimmer of hope."

**Where and what:**

*Swannanoa Valley Medical Center.*  
The center is the first medical  
facility in the area to provide  
medical services for residents  
of the Black Mountain and  
Swannanoa. As a member  
of the center's board of di-  
rectors, Smith votes on the  
allocation of grant monies for  
local nonprofits that provide  
medical supplies and help pay  
for prescriptions, eyeglasses,  
physician and dentist visits,  
and fruits and vegetables for  
people who are unable to  
afford them. The grants also  
provide medical supplies to  
schools and brownbag lunches  
for students.  
*Swannanoa Valley Christian Min-  
istries.* On the organization's

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citizen and resident in my  
community, it is my duty  
to put my energies back  
into the community  
to make it a better place  
to live for our generation  
and for future generations."

— Susie Smith

board of directors, Smith helps  
direct services to local resi-  
dents and stranded travelers,  
helping people who struggle to  
meet such basic and emergen-  
cy needs as food, fuel, clothing  
and shelter. The board also  
assists the operation of a  
homeless shelter and provides  
life-enhancing opportunities  
for job placement, job training  
and educational advancement.  
*Swannanoa Correctional Center  
for Women.* Through her home  
church, St. James Episcopal,  
Smith helps the church's min-  
istry to the inmates at the pris-  
on, including religious services.  
*Habitat with Humanity Housing.*  
Also through her church, Smith  
helps with the construction of  
a home affordable to a low-in-  
come family.  
*Friends and Neighbors of Swan-  
nanoa.* Smith works with nu-  
merous local environmental  
organizations working to pro-  
tect communities from invasive  
environmental and manmade  
dangers.  
*State Employees Combined  
Campaign.* For 15 years, Smith  
has been the campaign repre-  
sentative for her work location,  
including service on the Exec-  
utive Director's Committee in

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the western North Carolina district.

*Other organizations and causes Smith has supported:*

Western North Carolina Alzheimer's Association, Western North Carolina Special Olympics Steering Committee, Buncombe County's Special Olympics, Town of Black Mountain Urban Forestry Committee, Missing Children of America, Women's Jaycees and local recreational softball.

"Every person should make it their duty to give back to their community," Smith said. "In this world of materialistic items, instant gratification, and over abundance, some people may not know, forget or tend to overlook ... others who have so little. Make a difference in someone's life or in Mother Nature. It doesn't take anything but your time!"

**Frank C. Spear**

Nurse Supervisor II  
Brown Creek Correctional Institution

**Volunteer tenure:** 10+ years

**Why:** "I have always felt compelled to aid those in distress."

**Where and why:**

*American Red Cross.* The

organization prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Spear's work with the American Red Cross includes: Union County Chapter Disaster Response chairman, working alongside community leaders and local responders in large-scale events to provide canteen services, food and lodging for displaced residents and coordinate the efforts of Red Cross volunteers; local emergency operation centers during adverse weather conditions, train and aircraft wrecks, large fires and rescue operations, developing a working relationship with the emergency managers from Union and Anson counties that have fostered a rapport that also incorporates the Department of Public Safety and Brown Creek C.I.; the Union County Health Authority, reviewing volunteer health documents to determine the physical capabilities of volunteers prior to their deployment to national and regional relief operations; Disaster Action Team captain, being the Red Cross first responder to local incidents such as house fires and flooding, and issuing affected families money and information to help them begin their recovery process; and Disaster Health Services responder, being on-call for the central and western portions of the state to assist other disaster action teams that need to replace medical items lost in a house fire. Spear also supports the American Red Cross with

blood and financial donations and volunteer recruitment.

Red Cross nurses are an essential part of the American Red Cross, Spear said.

"One of the greatest feelings I get is when I receive a sincere hug from a mother who has just lost everything and is so appreciative to me for being there for her and her family," he said. "This simple token is so gratifying."



**Victor J. Taylor**

Correctional Officer  
Craven Correctional Institution  
**Volunteer tenure:** 15 years

**Why:** "I volunteer to help those who can't help themselves and to encourage others. Actually, the world thrives on volunteers."

**Where and what:**

*Vision Forward.* In this organization, Taylor helps prepare today's youths for tomorrow. *Men Empowered for Christ.* The group encourages men to seek Christ and take their place as head of their household. *State Employees Combined Campaign.* Taylor helps the campaign solicit donors to various charities and causes.

*Special Olympics North Carolina.* He raises funds to support the organization.

*Relay For Life.* Taylor helps raise funds for cancer research.

*NAACP Craven.* He supports equal rights for all people

**Mary N. Ward**

Family Services Administrator  
Division of Prisons

**Volunteer tenure:** 25 years

**Why:** "Working in the social work profession for 35 years, helping to make life better for others is and has always been my passion, whether it be serving at fundraising events, serving meals, mentoring a child etc., and is such a rewarding experience."

**Where and what:**

*Wake Enterprises Inc.* Ward has been on the board of directors since 1990, helping the non-profit organization provide vocational and social opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. *AventWest Children's Mentoring Program.* On the board of directors since 2013, Ward helps oversee the program's aftercare tutoring that supports students in grades 1-11 who are identified as needing both academic support and economic opportunity living in the AventWest community near N.C. State University. The program sites are Avent Ferry United Methodist Church and Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church. *Edenton Street United Methodist Church,* Raleigh. Since 2012, Ward each week coordinates and assists with transportation to ensure a family of seven

from Congo gets to church on Sunday. The church embraced the family, which came to the United States as refugees and homeless in 2012. Working with community partners, the church provides the family with much needed resources, including housing, food, clothing, education and health care.

Ward also helps serve meals to the homeless in the Raleigh Moore Square area.

"I have served in a volunteer capacity since high school. Volunteers are vital in helping empower and to make life better for families, children and individuals who are less fortunate, to improve their lives, achieve their maximum potential of independence, and to show that they are valued."

**David B. Williams**

Master Trooper  
State Highway Patrol, Andrews  
**Volunteer tenure:** 20 years

**Why:** "It is my obligation as a citizen to volunteer in my community."

**Where and what:**

Various organizations, including *Boy Scouts of America, Cherokee County Relay for Life, Friends of Santa Claus and Valletown Fire Department.*

"If everyone picked just one cause or organization to volunteer some time to, just imagine how much richer our communities would be and the more opportunities our children would have," Williams said. ▴





**Grayson Edwards** leaves the Rutherford County Courthouse after a judge consents to sign search warrants.

# amazing **SBI** agents

By **Patty McQuillan**  
Public Affairs Officer

His job is as intriguing as unraveling a complicated high-profile murder case, or as mundane as photocopying search warrants.

**Grayson Edwards**, a special agent with the State Bureau of Investigation, brings to the job a thoughtful and humble perspective to the cases he is assigned. He marvels at how an SBI agent can start with nothing and end with an arrest in a short time, such as finding an unidentified body in woods.

“We have some amazing SBI agents who are really good,” Edwards said. “We have agents from all backgrounds, experience and areas of expertise. We bring a team approach to each investigation, which enables a comprehensive review of the case. We all look after each other.”

*“We have some amazing SBI agents who are really good.”*

Edwards recently worked on a case involving the death of a 5-month-old baby. He collected evidence to determine the cause of death, and when the medical examiner’s office ruled the death a homicide, the suspect was arrested.

The SBI takes cases in two ways: The agency can have original jurisdiction, or provide support to local law enforcement at their request. Original jurisdiction means the SBI can open a case and be the law enforcement agency in charge from start to finish. Those cases include drug or arson investigations, election law violations, child sex abuse in day care centers, theft or misuse of state property and computer crimes against children.

When other law enforcement agencies request assistance, it is typically because the SBI may have the manpower or equipment needed to help solve a case.

In March, the Lake Lure Police Department asked Edwards for

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his help on a scamming case involving an 82-year-old resident who had deposited \$70,000 into a New York bank account after she'd been told she had won a lottery. The suspect had ties to Jamaica.

"A lot of these scamming cases, we won't even entertain," Edwards said. "But the Lake Lure Police Department is very small and asked for SBI help. Plus, this case was not typical. It had a lot of red flags."

After his initial research, Edwards spent the morning of March 24 at the Rutherford County Courthouse, waiting for a case to end so he could go before the judge to explain the circumstances of the Lake Lure scamming case. The judge listened, then signed the search warrants that gave Edwards consent to review banking records.

After making copies of the warrants, Edwards delivered them to the branch manager of the local bank who said he would get approval from his corporate attorneys to release the records by the middle of the next week.

Edwards moved on to his next case, in neighboring Polk County, where he served a warrant on a suspect who was buying suspiciously large quantities of Sudafed, the sinus medication used to make methamphetamine – a highly addictive and illegal stimulant drug.

"It's something new all the time. I can't tell you what I'm going to do tomorrow," Edwards said. "No matter if everything goes right, or nothing goes right, there are teachable moments in each case. It's a never-ending process."

That fourth week in March, Edwards was the designated agent on call if a police-involved shooting were

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to occur anywhere in the 16 counties of his western district. Anytime a North Carolina law enforcement officer fires his weapon while working in an official capacity, the SBI investigates the case. Fortunately, no such incident occurred this time during his watch.

"Grayson is the kind of agent who others model themselves after," said **Brent Culbertson**, assistant director of field operations. "Not only is he excellent at everything he does, but he inspires others to achieve higher goals. That is a rare quality in a person. Grayson possesses that and

influences others without even attempting to do so."

Edwards grew up in the Mill Spring area of Polk County. He graduated from Polk County High School and went on to Western Carolina University. "I had no idea what I was going to do," Edwards said. "I had some friends in criminal justice, so I tried that and actually enjoyed it."

Edwards graduated from WCU in 2000 and went straight to basic law enforcement training at Blue Ridge Community College. He worked in a grocery store during the day, and attended classes at night.

Edwards presents to a bank manager search warrants for bank records on a Lake Lure scamming case.

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Edwards swears that the information he has presented to the judge is true.

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While at WCU, Edwards had an internship with the Polk County Sheriff's Office, and the sheriff was quick to hire him as a civil process officer as soon as Edwards finished BLET training. Edward's first law enforcement job was serving civil papers — foreclosure notices, evictions and such. He transitioned into a patrol deputy, which he said suited him a lot better. He became a sergeant and supervised his own shift — working two weeks on days and two weeks on the night shift.

Next, he became a detective in the Polk County Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit where he worked drug crimes, breaking and entering, suicides, murders, financial crime, child and sex abuse cases, and, as Edwards said, "Whatever came down the pike."

"I had to work everything; I didn't have a choice — everything from grandma's stolen yard gnome to murder," Edwards said. "I knew a little about a lot of stuff, and dealt

with a lot of people in various degrees of situations."

Edwards stayed with detective work until he was promoted to lieutenant, and thought he would be with the sheriff's office his entire career. That would soon change. "I probably would have never left the sheriff's office, but the good Lord puts you in places to get you to move on," Edwards said.

A new sheriff was elected despite the candidate's recent indictment on a child sex abuse case. Edwards declined to remain under the new administration and instead chose to work in his father-in-law's stone masonry business. He kept his law enforcement certification active by becoming a reserve officer for the Tryon Police Department, and he applied for work with the SBI.

The SBI hired Edwards in January of 2008. The bureau's basic training was typical — up at 5:30 a.m., running, physical training, classes and studying. He said he had as many as seven tests a week.

He said his prior experience with the sheriff's office was helpful in his new job.

"I know what the counties have been through, and that they are different; what's big for one is not for another," Edwards said. "No matter how small, if it's important to them, that's what we're here to do. You never know until you look."

Edwards enjoys his work with the SBI and sees how he has grown professionally.

"What I knew then at the sheriff's office is just a microcosm of what I know now."

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The SBI initially assigned Edwards to Swain County where he found many of his cases took a lot of twists and turns.

"It seems that if there's a weird twist to the case, I'm the one who gets it," Edwards said.

One was of an account executive from Atlanta who was found hanging of apparent suicide in a cemetery. Another was a high-profile robbery and double murder case. The case of a murdered Western Carolina University football player who had been dealing drugs was assigned to Edwards, too; and he had a murder case where a bouncer was shot in the back after a fight broke out between the Bloods and Crips — 100 people, 100 interviews, he said.

"I can't take the accolades on these cases," Edwards said, although he has been Agent of the Year twice in the western area. "I do not like to talk about myself. I'd rather just as soon do my job and go on."

Edwards married his high school best friend's sister who also attended WCU. They dated for a long time. She became a school teacher and they had two children. While living in Swain County, his younger son developed a neurological problem and underwent several brain surgeries at Duke Hospital in Durham.

"When you're at your worst part, and people come to help, it really means something," Edwards said.

He was deeply touched that even though he was fairly new to the SBI, the employees supported him and came to his aid during that time. His son is fine now, and Edwards spends as much time as he can with his family when he's not working. ▴

# P R O M O T I O N S

## New women's prison warden named

RALEIGH | Kenneth Royster is the new administrator of the Department of Public Safety's North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women, the state's largest prison for female inmates.

Commonly known as Women's Prison, the facility has approximately 1,250 inmates in minimum, medium and close custody, including death row for females. It is operated by a staff of 825 correctional, program and administrative personnel.

Most recently, Royster had been superintendent at Wake Correctional Center since 2010. He began his career as a correctional officer in 1988 after

seven years in the U.S. Army, and has worked at the now-closed Triangle Correctional Institution, Women's Prison and Raleigh Correctional Center of Women, where he was named superintendent in 2006.

Royster is a graduate of Public Safety's professional leadership development program.

He and his wife have two children.



### In March 2015

*Name, position, location*

**Robert Abernathy**, assistant unit manager, Foothills Correctional Institution

**Robert Alexander**, youth counselor supervisor, Cabarrus Youth Development Center

**Adam Allen**, lead correctional officer, Avery-Mitchell CI

**Donaiel Allen**, programs supervisor, Foothills CI

**Jordan Allen**, programs supervisor, Tabor CI

**Ashley Alley**, probation/parole field specialist, Community Corrections District 19A

**Conieka Alston**, sergeant, Warren CI

**Charles Anderson**, facility maintenance supervisor IV, Warren CI

**Eugene Avery**, lieutenant, Central Prison

**Henry Baboun**, sergeant, Caswell Correctional Center

**Chianti Barrett**, processing assistant IV, Private Protection Services Registration

**John Bazzle**, food service officer, Tyrell Prison Work Farm

**Mickey Beaver**, lieutenant, Alexander CI

**Ross Becker**, HVAC mechanic, Scotland CI

**Christine Bell**, sergeant, Harnett CI

**Joseph Bode**, agent I, State Bureau of Investigation Field Operations

**Jeffrey Bone**, sergeant, Bertie CI

**Keawana Bostick**, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 25

**Melvin Bowers**, sergeant, Polk CI

**Delaine Bradley**, professional nurse, Johnston CI

**William Brandon**, sergeant, Pender CI

**Regina Britt**, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 27A

**Janasha Brown**, social worker III, Dobbs Youth Development Center

**Rodney Bugielski**, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 25B

**Pamela Callahan**, processing assistant IV, Lumberton CI

**Solen Christian**, telecommunicator, SHP Troop H

**Deborah Christian**, captain, Southern CI

**Billy Clayton**, deputy commander, State Highway Patrol Field Operations

**Barry Colvard**, lieutenant, Piedmont CI

**Alecia Conner**, assistant unit manager, Marion CI

**Diane Cooke**, accounting clerk IV, Greene CI

**Emery Cornett**, unit manager, Avery-Mitchell CI

**Joseph Cotton**, major, SHP Professional Standards

**Michael Creech**, auto body shop supervisor, SHP Garage

**Christopher Curtis**, sergeant, Marion CI

**Allen Davis**, unit manager, Tabor CI

**Joseph Davis**, systems programmer / specialist, SBI IT Development

**Michael Dawkins**, plumber II, Albemarle CI

**Cynthia Day**, food service officer, Forsyth CC

**Genethia Debrow**, lieutenant, Wake CC

**Samantha Downey**, sergeant, Warren CI

**Steven Dufault**, maintenance mechanic IV, Warren CI

**Eric Dye**, assistant superintendent /custody & operations III, Alexander CI

**Ashley Dziok**, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 19B

**Chioma Ejiogupayne**, nurse supervisor, Prisons Health Services

**Fredrick Elliott**, sergeant, Tabor CI

**Byetis Evans**, accounting clerk IV, Raleigh CC for Women

**Tameika Faison**, judicial services coordinator, Community Corrections District 21

**Timothy Farthing**, lieutenant, Avery-Mitchell CI

**Carrol Fox**, behavioral specialist ii, Foothills CI

**Derrick Fox**, lieutenant, Avery-Mitchell CI

**Kathryn Freeman**, agent I, SBI Field Operations

**Teresa Freeman**, judicial services coordinator, Community Corrections District 19B

**William Furr**, sergeant, Albemarle CI

**Margaret Glover**, budget manager, Budget Management & Analysis

**Steven Glover**, career coach, Prisons Career Coaching

**Jamaal Gresham**, lead correctional officer, Pender CI

**Marshal Griffin**, career coach, Prisons Career Coaching

**Kimberly Grimm**, programs supervisor, Brown Creek CI

**David Hewett**, telecommunications shift supervisor, SHP Troop F

**Georgia Hill-Martin**, programs director I, Lanesboro CI

**Lorie Hill**, medical records assistant IV, N.C. CI for Women

**Mark Hilliard**, maintenance mechanic V, Warren CI

**Charles Holland**, captain, Sampson CI

**Myron Hollifield**, lead correctional officer, Avery-Mitchell CI

**Belquis Hopkins**, professional nurse, Lanesboro CI

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**Carlos Hsu**, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 26  
**Ronnie Huneycutt**, assistant superintendent, Caldwell CC  
**Justin Huntley**, sergeant, Brown Creek CI  
**Francis Hyman**, case manager, Burke Confinement in Response to Violation Center  
**Devon Ingram**, processing assistant IV, Scotland CI  
**Hevin Ingram**, unit manager, Lanesboro CI  
**Heath Johnson**, sergeant, Marion CI  
**Calvin Jones**, lead correctional officer, Albemarle CI  
**Shane Jones**, sergeant, Scotland CI  
**Shawn Jones**, sergeant, Lumberton CI  
**Daniel Jurusik**, steam plant supervisor I, Piedmont CI  
**Timothy Kern**, sergeant, Randolph CC  
**Valerie Langley**, nurse director, Prisons Health Services  
**Elmore Lowery**, assistant special agent in charge, SBI Special Operations  
**Jack Mason**, training specialist II, Maury CI  
**Michael Mathews**, sergeant, Brown Creek CI  
**Robert Matthews**, food service manager I, Maury CI  
**Edith Mays**, supervisor I, Correction Enterprises Laundry  
**Akisheon McCollum**, sergeant, Harnett CI  
**Cecilia McCullers**, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections 10B  
**Billy McCumbee**, assistant unit manager, Tabor CI  
**Ebony McLean**, lead correctional officer, Orange CC  
**Michael McPherson**, sergeant, Tabor CI  
**Katherine Mitchell**, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 19B  
**Margita Mizelle**, chief probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 18A  
**Andrea Morgan**, administrative secretary II, Mountain View CI  
**Charis Morgan**, career coach, Prisons Career Coaching  
**Jennifer Moss**, food service officer, Albemarle CI  
**Steele Myers**, agent I, SBI Field Operations  
**Restituta Njagi**, professional nurse, Central Prison Health Complex  
**Brandon Norris**, technology support analyst, IT Infrastructure  
**Katrina Oliver**, substance abuse counselor advanced, Piedmont CI  
**Kyle Page**, lead correctional officer, Pender CI  
**Leeland Painter**, career coach, Prisons Career Coaching  
**Rose Marie Partenheimer**, administrative services manager, Alexander CI  
**Elizabeth Powell**, assistant unit manager, Alexander CI  
**David Predmore**, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 10B  
**Bonnie Puckett**, professional nurse, Alexander CI

**Richard Reed**, radio engineer I, SHP Radio Shop & Parts  
**Douglas Reigher**, systems programmer / specialist, SBI IT Development  
**Lisa Roberson**, programs supervisor, Wake CC  
**John Rockwell**, sergeant, Avery-Mitchell CI  
**Joanne Rowland**, purchasing & services officer, Purchasing & Logistics  
**James Salmon**, sergeant, Warren CI  
**Kimberly Shaw**, personnel technician I, Community Corrections District 10  
**Eric Shearin**, radio engineer II, Purchasing & Logistics  
**Michael Smith**, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 25  
**Linda Stewart**, food service manager I, Dan River Prison Work Farm  
**Rhonda Surgeon**, professional nurse, Bertie CI  
**Marvell Swett**, lieutenant, Tyrell PWF  
**Matthew Tant**, maintenance mechanic IV, Nash CI  
**Kent Taylor**, sergeant, Rutherford CC  
**Jeffrey Teague**, assistant superintendent, Lincoln CC  
**Leslie Thomas**, administrative officer II, Community Corrections Interstate Compact  
**Michael Thompson**, correctional unit manager, Albemarle CI  
**John Toney**, HVAC supervisor I, Alexander CI  
**Thomas Turgeon**, sergeant, Lanesboro CI  
**Jamie Ulloa**, sergeant, Tabor CI  
**Shakena Varnado**, sergeant, Scotland CI  
**James Vaughn**, programs supervisor, Mountain View CI  
**William Vick**, program manager, C.A. Dillon YDC  
**Melissa Wall**, sergeant, Southern CI  
**Alexandria Watson**, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 16  
**Veronica Watson**, personnel technician II, Prisons Administration  
**Robert West**, lieutenant colonel, SHP Support Operations  
**Zakare Whicker**, area coordinator, Emergency Management Operations Eastern Branch  
**Robin White**, sergeant, Albemarle CI  
**Darcy Williams**, assistant superintendent / custody & operations I, Swannanoa CCW  
**James Williams**, lieutenant, Warren CI  
**Jusu Williams**, professional nurse, Central Prison Health Complex  
**Marshall Williams**, sergeant, Lanesboro CI  
**Mary Wilson**, career coach, Prisons Career Coaching  
**Elizabeth Wiseman**, nurse supervisor, Marion CI  
**Tonya Woods**, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 14B  
**Anna Wright**, sergeant, Warren CI  
**Kenneth Yearick**, psychological program coordinator I, Prisons Mental Health Service  
**Donna Yow**, sergeant, Lanesboro CI

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**Chris Iffland**, correctional officer, Wake CC, 339  
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**Deborah Keith**, clinical social worker, Johnston CI, 310  
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**Terry Satterwhite**, juvenile court counselor, Juvenile Justice District 9, 368  
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*Name, position, location, months of service*

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