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Rick Jordan, Samarcand Training Academy director, shows the potential of one of the buildings yet to be renovated for the new campus. See the story on page 3.

Photo by **Pamela Walker**, Communications director.





A new training day dawns

By **Patty McQuillan**, Communications Officer

JACKSON SPRINGS | State Reps. Jamie Bowles, Pat Hurley and Allen McNeill joined Department of Public Safety Secretary Frank Perry and other officials in a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 31 for a new public safety training center in Moore County.

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A sign identifying one of the old Samarcaid cottages welcomes visitors with a message about renewal and bigger goals.



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HORIZONS

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The North Carolina General Assembly allocated \$10.4 million to renovate 14 of 24 buildings of the former juvenile facility, Samarcaid Manor, and build a much-needed firearms training range.

When renovations are complete, Samarcaid Training Academy will provide correctional, in-service, law enforcement and advanced law enforcement training starting in the fall of 2015.

Perry said the Bureau of Labor statistics identified the most dangerous jobs in America, and law enforcement was the first most dangerous and correctional work was second.

“This work is extremely difficult,” Perry said. “We must train them the best way we can. We don’t want to be a Charleston, a Chattanooga or a Ferguson.”

Samarcaid Training Academy is located in Jackson Springs on 430 wooded acres. When complete, Samarcaid will have six classrooms, dormitory space capable of housing 89 overnight students and a cafeteria that will feed 75 trainees per seating.

DPS has requested funding to add a tactical firearms range that when built will provide both long and short distance outdoor ranges and an indoor facility that can use the latest in video simulation technology.

“DPS law enforcement agencies such as the Highway Patrol, State Capitol Police, as well other agencies such as the SBI, ALE and others have limited options for firearms training and often get on backlog lists at existing firing ranges for annual certification,” Perry said. “This has long been a challenge.”

Around 2008, the leadership at the Office of Staff Development and Training saw the need for an academy. The department was paying others for lodging, and they were put on waiting list, which delayed training.

Law enforcement agencies within DPS will also use Samarcaid to conduct in-service and advanced training programs. Other local, state and federal agencies may conduct training at the facility on occasion. The FBI has already done so.

Prison inmates were a major source of the manpower used to make renovations, from roofing to wiring, painting and bricklaying.

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The basketball hoops at Samarcand Training Academy's gymnasium were removed and most of the gym floor is covered with training mats. A replica of an inmate cell was built for correctional officer training in such procedures as cell extraction.

A swimming pool sits empty, too expensive to fix, and several dilapidated buildings will either be torn down or renovated as part of Gov. McCrory's NC Connect bond.

"We are surrounded by 100 years of history here at Samarcand," Perry said. "On this site in 1914, Headmaster Charles Henderson opened the Marienfield Open-Air School for boys. Three years later, the state purchased this property, and in 1918 opened the State Home and Industrial School for Girls and Women. The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention operated the Samarkand Youth Development Center, until it closed in 2011 due to budget cuts and a declining juvenile population.

"Now we are writing the next chapter for this historic place — while continuing the long tradition of training and education on this site," Perry said. "This is an investment in the future of public safety in our state. The skills and lessons learned here by our employees will help protect North Carolinians through our coming generations." ▾



Keeping up in fast times

By **George Dudley**, Editor

Speed, for lack of a better word, is good.

Every corner of the Department of Public Safety depends on critical information being instantly available any time it is needed. For speed to be good, though, the electronic systems that store and transfer that information must be up to speed. In public safety, we cannot lag behind.

*Photographs by
George Dudley,
Editor*

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The type of work done by the DPS Office of Information Technology has spoiled us. We expect our DPS computers, our tablets and even our telephones to respond instantly to whatever we need, be it displaying a document, creating a chart, viewing a video, getting Google to do its mind-blowing information gathering thing, or taking a class, conference notes or stock of a new proposal from someone on the other side of the country without ever leaving our desks, much less booking a motel room and burning another tank of gas.

It can all be connected, because someone figured out how to turn things that you can create, touch, see and hear into different forms. The forms have names like bits, bytes and data. They can be, and are, available to you, instantly, from anywhere.

In 1979, **Geof Toner**, DPS's IT network and Voice-over-Internet Protocol (VoIP) manager, was a member of the California Highway Patrol, that state's lead law enforcement and public safety agency. They and many other agencies had five years to prepare for the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. They had to get their information management systems up to state of the art at light speed to be ready for the potential risks and responses in a mammoth international beehive in their backyard. Toner was assigned to be part of the team that put together the most sophisticated information management network that money could buy. Every single element in traffic control, law enforcement, security and emergency response had to be inter-connected so they could communicate instantly with each other and allied agencies on the same system.

He was hooked. Over the next couple of decades, Toner oversaw network operations and special technical projects before retiring from CHP and moving into the private sector, working for information technology equipment

giant Cisco. He proved his value well enough to be assigned to help architect and implement public safety and transportation technology for the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City and 2004 Games in Athens, Greece among other high profile projects.

But the world economy was on the verge of the Great Recession, and Toner left the volatile private market, landing in 2007 in the former North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, which in 2012 was merged into DPS.

In many ways, it was déjà vu — LA and the 1984 Olympics all over again. It was, and is, build instant connection among everyone and everything in a new world marked by improved communications among the good guys and the bad.

"In a society, where we have become not only modern but also impatient, we have become 'I

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Geof Toner, DPS network and VoIP manager, gets an office set up with the latest telecommunications desktop equipment.

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want it now, we need it now, make it happen now,” Toner said. “Everything has to happen at the speed of light. It’s instant gratification. That’s the bottom line.”

The nature of marketplace competition requires private companies — both the end-users and the product and service providers — to be up to speed in their connectivity.

“Governments never have been known to be on the leading edge, but we’re trying to keep up,” Toner said. “The private sector is pulling us along.”

For example, many employees in DPS will remember the Microsoft computer operating system Windows XP. By technology standards, it has become a dinosaur, even though it seemed to work just fine for many of us. But modern operating systems are much, much faster, more reliable and more flexible. Microsoft stopped supporting Windows XP with upgrades and fixes, forcing entities like DPS to move out of the Stone Age and at least start planning for Windows 10. Software for such computer work as document creation and management and e-mail systems has evolved rapidly, too. Think “365.”

“We are pulling tremendous amounts of information from many places — the federal government, other state government agencies, the private sector — and all of it is accumulated and massaged into formats for consumers to use,” Toner said. “We harvest, blend and deliver it to our folks [in DPS] who need some or all of it.”

“Some of our folks, like those in law enforcement, need it very quickly, for public protection and for their own officer safety. Other people need it for efficiency purposes and doing more with less, so we make people more efficient, providing the data they need to do their jobs.”

One of the most significant evolutions, however, has been the telephone system. It was once an information movement mechanism all its own, highly dependent on the telephone companies and a separate and independent infrastructure of connected telephone sets, wires and call signal switching equipment. It transmitted the sounds of dial tones, voices, modems and fax machines. Also, it did allow people in different places to talk to each other on the same phone call. Basically, though, voices and beeps were its only cargoes.

Meanwhile, the technology behind the Internet became a new conduit for phone calls and the telephone has been changed forever. Many DPS employees can see for themselves that their telephones are not plugged into wall sockets, but rather into their computers.

One of the most significant evolutions, however, has been the telephone system.

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Computer networks — those systems that move data all over the place — can move telephone calls, too. It's called Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), and it also shares more than that faceless voice on the other end of the line. Telephones have become cameras and video screens so people on the line can see who they're talking to. On that same call, they can share and work on documents and digital presentations and view photos and video.

"The bottom line on this is the bottom line," Toner said. "It is extremely cost effective."

For example:

- ▶ One system and one set of technicians instead of two for computers and telephony. That translates into huge maintenance and personnel cost savings.
- ▶ Lower travel costs, especially with a desktop application called WebEx. "Just about anything that can be said, seen, shown or created at a bodies-in-the-same-room meeting can be done without getting up from your office chair," Toner said. Other agencies have been asking to use DPS's WebEx application.
- ▶ Lower telephony usage costs: Zero cents per minute for a local call and 1 cent a minute for long-distance. On the traditional landline system known in the IT world as legacy, a long-distance call is 4 cents a minute. "Every phone call on legacy is costing us four times as much as it should; cumulatively, that's thousands and thousands of dollars," Toner said.

Toner and his work group, although understaffed, are continuing the push to get all of DPS on VoIP. Already there are Law Enforcement, Prisons, Community Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Human Resources and some portions of Administration. "The more employees we get on the system, the more money we save," he said.

Equipment and software costs on the front end of changeovers from legacy systems to VoIP are not inexpensive. However, the new systems are less expensive to expand, update and maintain, in addition to using less electricity and being more reliable. As such, the new technology also helps save sleepless nights by reducing network failure risks and consequences.

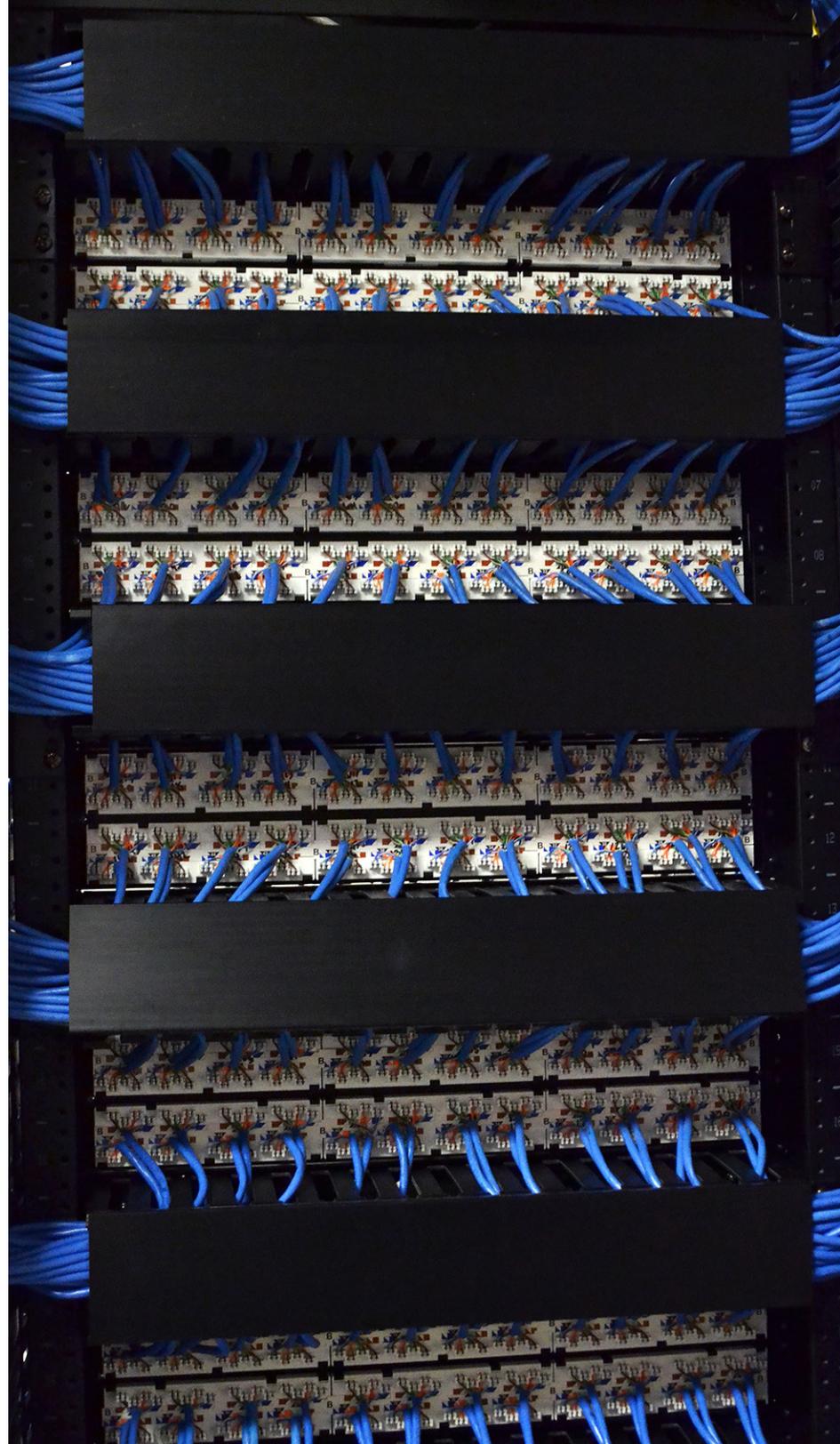
"Even if something does go down, it falls softer," Toner said.

Despite the wonders made possible by new technology, Toner remains mindful that the systems cannot install, maintain and repair themselves.

"While I do remain on alert about what might happen, I am comfortable knowing that I've got some pretty sharp and unbelievable people that I count on for 90 percent of what happens," he said.

Toner's staff includes: **Chris Fuquay**, chief network architect/engineer; **Ed Myers**, VoIP/United Communications/video support system specialist; **Kyle James**, VoIP/UC compliance/provisioning specialist; **Kim Setzer**, VoIP/UC service delivery specialist; **Jeff Price**, senior security/local area network engineer; **Lance Golden**, VoIP/UC/LAN engineer; **Jason Williams**, WiFi/LAN/security engineer; and **Gary Lopes**, security/LAN engineer.

"We have a vision for an incredible IT system to help ensure that our department meets its obligation to protect the public's safety," Toner said. "If we can get full commitment from all areas of Public Safety, we will deliver on that vision, now and in the future." ▶



In the trenches

National Guard rescue training

By **Patty McQuillan**, Communications Officer

"Down a little. Down a little.

"Right there. Cease fire.

"Take it all the way to your right, son, to the corner.

"There now, perfect.

"If you can, tie your walers off.

"Now, the thrust blocks – toss them in. Make them even with the walers.

"Get a measurement. Call it out.

"Are you at 110?"

Jeret Kinnaird, a state employee of the Air National Guard, shouts out directions to a group of National Guard firefighters from Michigan, Ohio and Idaho. There is no hiding the fact that Kinnaird is a military man. His instructions on inserting supports into trenches are clear, concise and commanding.

Kinnaird is a lead instructor at the Air National Guard Urban Search and Rescue Regional Training Site in New London. The training is nationally recognized as the best in the country, and this past July, Kinnaird received the Firefighter of the Year Award from the Air National Guard Fire Chiefs Association.

The Stanly County Air National Guard Base is the only location in the United States that provides the Rescue Technician Program to other Air National Guard firefighters. Kinnaird said about 80 percent of the Guard members who train at the Stanly air base play dual roles as firefighters with the Guard and in their civilian life.

"What spurred this training are natural disasters, 911, earthquakes and anything of that nature –wherever this type of work is needed," Kinnaird said. "For example, the State of North Carolina can activate our FEMA team at our unit in Charlotte and say, 'we just had a hurricane come through, we have structure collapses, or if in the west, a tornado. We go in and shore up collapsed structures.'"

Kinnaird and two other instructors teach Rescue Technician 1 and 2. Tech 1 is Rope Rescue and Confined Space training. Tech 2 is Trench Rescue, Structure Collapse, Breaching and Breaking, Lifting and Moving. Each course lasts 12 academic days. The training on Aug. 13 was on how to shore up trench walls and how to rescue victims who may have been installing cables or water lines when a collapse occurred.

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Photographs by **Patty McQuillan**, Communications Officer.

WALK IN MY SHOES



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"Our goal is to put in panels to hold that wall and capture it where we can get our victim out," Kinnaird said. "We're not trying to move that wall – we're trying to capture that wall."

Each scenario dictates the time it takes to remove a victim. If buried deeply, a rescue could take four to six hours. If the victim is in a simple straight trench, it may take 45 minutes. A t-shaped trench takes more time because cave-ins are more likely in corners. Teams are to be ready and on stand-by to replace workers every 15 to 20 minutes.

Kinnaird, while being direct, is also personable. He either learns the names of the trainees, or gives them nicknames.

"Smit-Dog – use your tape measure and go from the top of the first block to your waler," Kinnaird shouts out. "See if it's straight."

Once the walers — wooden support panels — are in place, three sets of airshores — aluminum rescue struts — are lowered, two airshores at a time to capture the corner of the L Trench. The first airshore is placed at the halfway point of the trench; the second airshore is placed two feet down from the lip of the trench; and the third airshore is placed two feet from the bottom of the trench floor. Air cylinders fill the airshores whose ends expand from one wall to the other against the wooden panels and hold them in place.

A worker mistakenly places his hand on the end of an airshore, and Kinnaird quickly corrects him. Safety is foremost.

"Sometimes, they fail to realize that their lives are in our hands," Kinnaird said. "Yes, we are all Air Guard and firefighters, and firefighters in the outside world, but your life is in our hands. In this type of environment, there's nothing to blame – nothing. This is a dangerous work environment."

A technical trench is either T- or L- shaped, with the most dangerous area being the inside corners. Kinnaird verbally guides the trainees who are regulating the air pressure from the two air cylinders as to how many pounds per square inch should be pumped into the airshores. Both sets of cylinders should have the same PSI reading:

"50 and 50?"

"Walk it up to 80."

"80 and 80?"

"Walk it up to 100."

"Walk it up to 110."

"Are you at 110? Are you at 110," he asks both Guard members.

"Pin it, spin it, lock it, toenail it!"

Kinnaird points out the reality of what the trainees are learning.

"As you can see, there's a lot going on," he said. "If it was just a straight trench, it would be so much easier to accomplish. Shooting to 250 psi in a technical trench – there's a possibility of blowing out the corner. We can't do that.

"In the outside world, the trench won't be as pretty and nicely cut as this, so we throw something different at them – using the same tactics but going about it in a different way."

In 2010, the Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Training of Ohio trained 25 members of the 145th Air National Guard Firefight-

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ers for the Rescue Technician I and II certification, and Kinnaird said that's when he fell in love with the training.

Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas, offered the training, but only for three National Guard firefighters in the entire country. Seeing the importance of opening a training site, Chief Master Sgt. Daryl Cook, chief of Fire Emergency Services for the North Carolina Air National Guard, started the Urban Search and Rescue School in 2011 to train Air Guard firefighters.

Kinnaird and the two other instructors at the Stanly County Air National Guard Base train up to 30 members per class and each class runs 12 days straight. Last year, they taught 13 classes in 10 months. Since the beginning of the training, more than 1,200 fire fighters from around the country have been trained at the Stanly Air Guard base.

Kinnaird recounted how one student saved a truck driver's life when his semi-tractor trailer truck went off a bridge. He used his rope rescue training to pull the driver to safety.

Kinnaird feels he is lucky to be a teacher and said he is no better than his students. However, his supervisor, Chief Master Sgt. Cook, feels otherwise.

"Firefighter Kinnaird is an exceptional firefighter and trainer," Cook said. "He dedicates countless hours to ensure the department and the Rescue Technician Program are without a doubt the best in the country. We are reminded constantly by student feedback that the dedication he provides is a key factor in a superior course."

In 1998, Kinnaird followed his parents from Florida to North Carolina, and he lives in Hickory with his wife and four dogs. "I love it up here," he repeated twice.

After high school, Kinnaird had an offer from a small college in Ohio to play football, but instead he enlisted in 1987 with the Active Duty Army, influenced by his father who had served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. During the next decade Kinnaird was stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.; White Sands, N. M.; Korea; Germany; and Fort Stewart, Ga. He also served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Kinnaird enlisted with the Air National Guard in 2008 and was hired for the state firefighter position in 2010.

"If I could compare anything to the camaraderie in the Army – I get it right here," Kinnaird said. The bond he and the two other instructors build with the students in two weeks is incredible, he said.

"Some have come to us and said, 'This is the best Air Force Training that I have ever received. You guys are awesome instructors.'"

Kinnaird and his wife have two grown sons ages 23 and 25, both of whom



proudly served in the U.S. Army with the youngest still serving.

"My two boys knew after graduating high school it was go to college or serve your country," Kinnaird said.

In his free time, Kinnaird said he likes to play golf, travel to the mountains to hike and camp or "anything outdoors."

The next day's training simulated removing a victim from a trench using a 150-pound mannequin. The two week training will also include instructions on breaching and breaking – how to properly work through a concrete wall or floor to enter collapsed buildings safely and locate victims.

"We challenge our firefighters," Kinnaird said. "How you train and how you carry yourself is how you fight. You train as you fight. You bring a mentality to this."

Kinnaird brings an authoritative, committed approach to the training he provides. Despite the intense southern heat, the National Guard's firefighting members listen carefully, are ready to carry out the orders and seem to appreciate the practical training they have received from Kinnaird. ▴



N.C. National Guard airmen fight Calif. fires

CHARLOTTE | North Carolina Air National Guard airmen and a C-130 aircraft based at the Charlotte Douglas International Airport here have gone to California at the request of federal authorities to support wildland forest firefighting efforts there.

An aircrew from the 145th Airlift Wing departed Aug. 12 to support the firefighting effort operating from McClellan Air Tanker Base near Sacramento, Calif.

A North Carolina Air National Guard C-130H3 Hercules aircraft equipped with a Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) unit left Charlotte for California tomorrow on Aug. 14.

MAFFS is a self-contained aerial firefighting system owned by the USFS. MAFFS modules are loaded into the cargo bays of military C-130 aircraft. ▶

Former Gaston juvenile detention center relocated to Stonewall Jackson campus

CONCORD | Officials with the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice have opened a new detention center in efforts to provide safer, more secure and more efficient care for detained youth in its custody.

The Department of Public Safety on Aug. 10 held an open house that offered community leaders and elected officials their first view of Cabarrus Regional Juvenile Detention Center in Concord.

The juvenile detention center was relocated from the Gaston Juvenile Detention Center to the former Kirk Building on the grounds of Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center in Concord. The detention center has been renamed as the Cabarrus Regional Juvenile Detention Center. The relocation marks the first phase of the 2014 Juvenile Justice Strategic Plan.

“We are thrilled to have put the Juvenile Strategic Plan into action with the relocation of this detention center,” said **W. David Guice**, Commissioner of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice. “We’ll see more in the coming months from this plan, which advocates investing and capitalizing on previous state financial commitments; enhancing operations by using safer and more secure facilities, and reinvesting cost-savings found in youth development centers back into community-based programs for our youths.”

Secretary **Frank L. Perry** said the move is an investment in the future.

“It’s an investment in the safety and security of children in our temporary custody, and an investment for the taxpayers at large, since co-locating the detention center on the YDC campus allows DPS to

3-county compliance operation results in arrests, drugs and weapons seizures

RALEIGH | In late July, officers from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, along with partners from local and federal law enforcement agencies, conducted compliance operations to check on high-risk offenders under community supervision and to locate fugitives and absconders from probation or parole supervision. Three separate operations based in Wake, Durham and Iredell counties resulted in numerous arrests and charges, the seizure of weapons, drugs and drug paraphernalia and cash.

In summary:
Wake County

Agencies participating: N.C. Community Corrections, K-9 officers and Special Operations Response Team; U.S. Marshals Service Violent Fugitive Task Force – Eastern District NC; Apex, Garner, Raleigh, Cary, Holly Springs and Fuquay-Varina police, Wake County Sheriff’s Office; and N.C. ISAAC.

Approximately 18 arrests were made in Wake County including five wanted fugitives who were captured for out-of-state crimes. One registered sex offender who



Dave Hardesty, center, director of Juvenile Justice facilities, explains the layout and functions of the detention center to community residents and officials at the dedication ceremony.

Photograph by **Diana Kees**, Communications Officer.

realize service delivery efficiencies through shared support services, especially in the areas of child nutrition and health services.”

The Cabarrus Regional Juvenile Detention Center began official operations on Aug. 19. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice operates six juvenile detention centers statewide.

Juvenile detention centers are secure, temporary facilities where a juvenile will stay while waiting to go to court or until a more appropriate and long-term placement can be arranged. Juvenile detention centers provide quality services and programs for juveniles based on their individual needs, to give youths opportunities for positive behavioral change and development. Services include mental health screening and assessments; medical screening and follow-up care when needed; and basic educational services mirroring the course of study adopted by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. ▶

was not supposed to associate with children was found in a residence with four minors and was arrested. Numerous individuals face charges for probation violations, possession of firearms or ammunition by a felon, possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia. The search of one residence uncovered a credit card making scam and several hundred cards were seized. Two offenders with outstanding warrants were determined to be deceased.

Durham County

Participating agencies: N.C.

.Community Corrections, K-9 officers and Special Operations Response Team; U.S. Marshals Service Joint Fugitive Task Force – Middle District NC; Durham Police; Durham County Sheriff’s Department

Officers and agents arrested 22 individuals in the Durham County operation who were cited for more than 60 different criminal offenses. Seizures included 65 grams of marijuana, 66 grams of cocaine and crack, less than 2 grams of heroin, \$2,300 in cash, four firearms, including

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Tell me something good!

Trooper named best N. American inspector



Berrong

RALEIGH | On Aug. 14, North Carolina State Trooper **Joe D. Berrong II**, 38, of North Wilkesboro, proudly accepted the Jimmy K. Ammons North American Inspectors Grand Champion Award, the highest honor for roadside inspectors in the United States.

During the 23rd annual event held in St. Louis, Mo., Berrong competed against 51 other roadside inspectors representing jurisdictions across the U.S., Canada and Mexico, earning the title of North American Inspectors Grand Champion. Contestants were evaluated in

six categories. All six categories were timed events and compiled for the title of Grand Champion.

The event, conducted by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), recognizes the best of the best by inviting member jurisdictions throughout North America to participate in the North American Inspectors Championship (NAIC). According to the NAIC, it is the only event dedicated to recognizing and rewarding commercial vehicle inspector excellence.

Berrong, a 14-year veteran, is assigned to the Motor Carrier Enforcement Section, Troop F District 9, in Conover.

The primary purpose of the State Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Enforcement Administration Section is to promote highway safety, enforce all state and federal laws regulating highway and commercial vehicle operations resulting in reduction in crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses. Troopers who perform Motor Carrier Enforcement duties ensure that all modes of travel, including commercial motor vehicles, are consistently monitored in order to improve highway safety. ▴



Trooper **Brett Bush**, center, receives his Purple Heart.

Purple Heart awarded for military service

RALEIGH | On Aug. 4, Rep. Virginia Foxx of North Carolina's 5th Congressional District presented Trooper **Brett Bush** of Ashe County with the Purple Heart, a medal given to members of the military who are wounded or killed by enemy action or in action against the enemy.

On Nov. 26, 2010, during his third tour while serving in the U.S. Marine Corp, Bush was wounded in Afghanistan. Bush served eight years in the Corp, rising to the rank of sergeant before joining the N.C. State Highway Patrol in January 2015. He is assigned to Forsyth County.

"Trooper Bush exemplifies the kind of courage and valor required of our men and women serving in the Armed Forces and law enforcement," said Col. **Bill Grey**. "We are proud to have Trooper Bush as a member of the Highway Patrol and are grateful for the sacrifice he made overseas which earned him the Purple Heart."

The State Highway has several members, active and retired, who serve or have served proudly in the Armed Services. ▴

Officer tries to save man from drowning
Road squad Correctional Officer **Casey Wolfe** of Cabarrus Correctional Center made a valiant attempt to rescue an elderly man from drowning on Aug. 14.

Wolfe and his wife were boating at Leesville Lake when they saw a truck roll off the boat ramp into the water. He drove his boat to the ramp while his wife dialed 911.

Wolfe broke the back window and tried to open a door, but was unable to remove the 92-year-old man, who drowned and was pronounced dead at the scene. ▴

Employee in OSDT earns two scholarships

Melissa Gordon, processing assistant IV in the Office of Staff Development and Training, on Aug. 9 received two scholarships — the First Bank Endowed scholarship and the William "Bill" Muse Memorial scholarship. Melissa will be completing her associate degree in business administration at Montgomery Community College in the near future. ▴

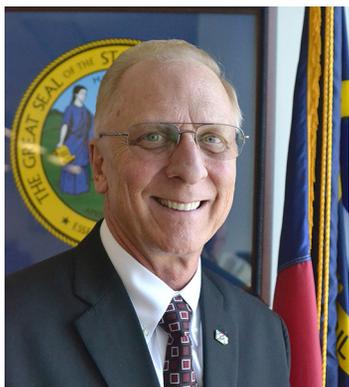
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one that was stolen, numerous rounds of ammunition, other weapons and drug paraphernalia. Four wanted people were determined to be incarcerated in other jurisdictions and one was determined to be deceased. Additionally, property was recovered from a breaking and entering case in Chapel Hill.

Iredell County

Agencies participating: N.C. Community Corrections, K-9 officers and Special Operations Response Team; U.S. Marshals Service Violent Offender Task Force – Western District N.C.; Iredell County Sheriff's Office; Statesville and Mooresville police; ICE Detention and Removal Operations; and U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The Iredell County operation resulted in 33 people arrested or cited for 59 criminal offenses. Four firearms were recovered during the course of the operation. Thirteen probation absconders were located and arrested. Numerous individuals under supervision were found in possession of drugs or firearms. ▴



Clelland



Bundy

Prisons get new leadership

Albemarle Correctional

BADIN | **Jack Clelland** is the new administrator at Albemarle Correctional Institution in Stanly County. Clelland is a 25-year corrections veteran who has most recently served as the assistant superintendent for custody and operations at Brown Creek Correctional Institution in Polkton.

He began his work in the state prison system in 1990 as a correctional program supervisor at Southern Correctional Institution. He later served in assistant superintendent positions at Brown Creek and Lanesboro Correctional Institutions.

Albemarle Correctional Institution is a medium-security prison for men. It houses approximately 850 inmates and employs a staff of about 300 employees.

Clelland is a graduate of the NCDPS Correctional Leadership Development Program and holds a bachelor's degree from UNC Chapel Hill. ▴

Carteret Correctional

NEWPORT | **Janet Bundy**, a 19-year corrections veteran, is the new superintendent at Carteret Correctional Center in Newport.

Bundy has served as the assistant superintendent at Carteret CC for the past four years. She began her corrections career in 1996 as a correctional officer at Craven Correctional Institution in Vanceboro.

Bundy is a graduate of the NCDPS Correctional Leadership Development Program and holds associate degrees in social work and court reporting.

Carteret Correctional Center is a minimum-security prison housing approximately 300 male inmates. It employs a staff of about 70 people and provides transitional services and work opportunities for inmates nearing release. ▴

New ads highlight parental responsibility in reducing underage drinking in N.C.

RALEIGH | The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has launched the second phase of its Talk It Out campaign with new hard-hitting ads that emphasize the role of parental responsibility in reducing underage drinking.

The campaign is designed to raise awareness of the issue in North Carolina and to educate and empower parents to talk with their children about underage drinking.

The launch of the new phase of the campaign coincides with the back-to-school timeframe and encourages parents to use this pivotal time of year as a natural time to have discussions with their teens and teens about underage drinking. The hard-hitting series of TV and radio ads drives home the message that these are not conversations parents can afford to put off.

"Talking about underage drinking with your child is not comfortable or easy, but it is necessary," said ABC Commission Chairman **Jim Gardner**. "One of the most disturbing findings in our most recent round of research is that many parents acknowledge that underage drinking is a problem in North Carolina, but they aren't concerned about their own children drinking underage. This is a dangerous disconnect with potentially devastating consequences for our state's families and young people. Denying what our children are clearly telling us does not make the problem go away."

The initial research on which the campaign was based was conducted in July 2014. Another round of statewide surveys of 500 parents of middle and high school students and 300 students in middle and high school was conducted between March 31 and April 9 of this year. The 2015 surveys show that 87 percent of parents see underage drinking as a community problem, but only 59 percent are concerned about their own children drinking



underage. Gardner says the fact that the level of concern parents have about their own children drinking underage decreased from the 2014 survey (64 percent to 59 percent) underscores why this will be a significant area of focus for the second phase of the campaign.

The 2015 surveys also shows the vast majority (94 percent) of North Carolina's youth say underage drinking is a problem, 54 percent of whom think it's a big problem, but only 44 percent of parents think it's a serious problem.

The researchers who conducted the surveys, McLaughlin & Associates, say that while students continue to view underage drinking as a bigger problem than parents, a comparison of the 2014 and 2015 surveys shows that gap is starting to shrink. The overall problem percentage hasn't significantly increased among parents from the last survey, but the advertising has help change their perception of how serious a problem underage drinking is.

The key difference is the rise in the percentage of parents who think underage drinking is a serious problem. This group increased in size by seven points (37 percent to 44 percent) between July 2014 and the spring of 2015. If parents recall one of the campaign's TV ads, the overall problem percentage is 88 percent including 47 percent who think it's a serious problem.

Among those who haven't seen a television ad, the percentages are 86 percent "total" problem including a 41 percent "serious" problem. These and the rest of the survey results from this year's research are now available on the Talk It Out website at www.TalkItOutNC.org. The website also includes conversation starters and other tips and resources for parents to start talking with their kids about underage drinking. ▴

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