

On The **SCENE** Digest

Welcome to the New Interactive Biweekly Digest!

The Department of Public Safety Communications Office has been working diligently to come up with new and innovative ways to get the most up-to-date stories out to DPS employees. In our quest, we created the On The Scene Digest in hopes that it provides a brief but well-rounded view of the most recent events and news going on throughout all areas of DPS.

Instead of a monthly newsletter, you will be receiving a biweekly Digest as well as a quarterly Magazine. Both will be full of new interactive elements like videos, links to social media, fun quizzes and surveys. With all the new changes, don't worry, your favorites have not gone away! We will still include "BCO graduations" and the "Promotions, Retirements and Passings" at the end of each month. Keep an eye out for a poll in our next Digest that focuses on what you like and what you don't want to see going forward.

We hope you enjoy the first On The Scene Digest and look forward to receiving your feedback!

State Highway Patrol Promotes 78 Members

by Claire Rice, Editor; Jeff Goldsmith, Videographer; & Ryan Guthrie, Photographer

On Feb. 26, the State Highway Patrol promoted 78 members in a ceremony held at Colonial Baptist Church in Cary. Col. Glenn McNeill provided remarks during the ceremony and Deputy Commander Vic Ward recognized 11 civilian members.

"In assuming these positions of leadership you will sew on new stripes and place new brass upon your collars, but true leadership requires so much more," said McNeill. "Leading others is a privilege and a great responsibility that requires a heightened



sense of integrity, professionalism, ethics and loyalty, which are all pillars of our organization.”

Please join us in congratulating all of the sworn and non-sworn patrol members on their new promotions!

To view pictures of the ceremony and see a full list of the patrol members promoted click [here](#).

State Working to Improve School Safety

by Clyde Roper, Communications Officer

Governor, Secretary Hooks reach out to local schools, law enforcement to encourage greater collaboration, offer help



State leaders are urging local law enforcement and school districts to work closely together to ensure that all North Carolina schools are safe and offered state tools and resources to help.

The Governor’s Crime Commission and the State Emergency Response Commission will apply their expertise to prioritize school safety, Public Safety Secretary Erik A. Hooks announced on March 8.

In addition, Gov. Roy Cooper and Secretary Hooks sent letters asking school superintendents, local law enforcement agency heads, charter school principals and independent schools to work together and with the state to prevent further school tragedies.

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)

NC Public Safety, National Guard Host Job Fair

by Sonja Bennett-Bellamy, Communications Officer

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety and the National Guard hosted a one-day career event at Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh on March 1. The job fair was open to all military service members, veterans, spouses and dependents of service members interested in networking or looking for career opportunities throughout the Department

of Public Safety.

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New State Capitol Police Deputy Chief Isn't New to Law Enforcement

by Clyde Roper, Communications Officer



Maj. Roger "Chip" Hawley joined the ranks of the State Capitol Police force this week as its new deputy chief. Hawley may be new to SCP, but he's definitely not new to law enforcement. The Major is a veteran law enforcement professional with 32 years experience.

Hawley comes to State Capitol Police from the Wake County Sheriff's Office, where he served for 32 years and attained the rank of major. Hawley attended Campbell University and has received a variety of specialized law enforcement training. He holds a law enforcement General Instructor Certification.

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Juvenile Justice recognizes instructors of excellence

by Diana Kees, Public Relations Manager



The Juvenile Justice Section recognized five of its general instructors earlier this month during an awards ceremony held during the Section's annual General Instructors meeting.

Kimberly Quintus, Director of the Juvenile Jurisdiction Reinvestment Act, led the awards ceremony, and Deputy Secretary William Lassiter presented awards during the March 2 event.

[Click here to read about the award winners.](#)

N.C. Guardsmen Compete to be Named the 2018 'Best Warriors'



Nine Soldiers from across the state represented their Major Subordinate Command and competed in the North Carolina National Guard's Best Warrior Competition at the Camp Butner National Guard Training Center, March 2-5.

Soldiers compete in the hopes to be named the 'Best Warriors' of the North Carolina National Guard and for the opportunity to represent our state in the Region III Competition in April.

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Prepare and Practice. Emergency Management holds Severe Weather Preparedness Week



Gov. Roy Cooper declared March 4 – 10 Severe Weather Preparedness Week and urged North Carolinians to prepare and practice safety plans in case severe weather strikes.

North Carolina is traditionally an active tornado and severe thunderstorm state and spring is peak season, although severe weather can occur at any time of year.

[Severe Weather Stats & Tips](#)

Larry Dail Named Eastern Region Director for Prisons

by Jerry Higgins, Communications Officer

When Larry Dail was a young correctional officer at Eastern Correctional Institution about 35 years ago, he never, ever thought his career path would take him to a director's position. He was hoping he could make this a good career choice.

He did. And his career traveled through just about every step a correctional officer could go inside a facility to eventually becoming the Eastern Region Director, overseeing 12 prisons.

"I never dreamed of it. I started out as a correctional officer and wanted it to be my career. I learned quickly this was a great place to make it my career," he said.

[Read the entire article here...](#)



Take A Break!



How well do you know
DPS?

Take the quiz to find out!

1. There are currently ___ state prison facilities in North Carolina.
2. North Carolina Emergency Management works with local communities to ___ for, ___ to, and ___ from disasters across the state.
3. The NC National Guard is comprised of ___ units and are located in Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Clinton, Raleigh and ___.
4. In ___, the General Assembly was concerned about ___ and passed an act authorizing the establishment of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.
5. ___ was built in ___ and was the first facility for juveniles in North Carolina.

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