



# *The CCPS All-Points Bulletin*

**Mission: To reduce crime, enhance public safety and assist victims throughout North Carolina.**

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## ***Message from the Secretary***

The N.C. National Guard's largest single unit, the 3,800-strong 30<sup>th</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team was deployed this month to Iraq, their second tour to that war-torn country. The men and women join other N.C. Guardsmen serving in the Middle East, bringing the total to more than 4,500. We wish all of these brave Soldiers and Airmen Godspeed as they carry out their duties.

Last month, I had the pleasure of climbing aboard a C-130 in Raleigh and flying six hours nonstop to California to see *Bosslift*, a program for civilian employers to better understand the military component of the Guard and Reserve. I met with members of the 30<sup>th</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team at the national training center at Fort Irwin, some of whom are dual N.C. Crime Control and Public Safety members – Highway Patrolmen who are also guardsmen.



We were dropped right down in the middle of a mock Iraqi village in the Mojave desert. One moment all was relatively calm with street vendors hawking their wares and villagers coming and going. Then explosions went off and we heard the crack of small arms fire. The National Guard patrols were quick to assess the situation and restore order. It was quite impressive and this training is key to preparing our soldiers for the challenges ahead.

North Carolina is blessed to have such dedicated and motivated citizens serving in the National Guard. These fathers and mothers, daughters and sons stand tall and make us proud. We count on them to help see things through, whether it's fighting terrorism or helping fellow citizens during hurricanes, ice storms, floods and other times of need.

Please join me in recognizing the commitment and sacrifice of the members of the N.C. National Guard. We are blessed to have these brave men and women volunteer their service to our country and our freedoms. Our prayers are with them for a safe and speedy return.

*Reuben Young*

## Congratulations!



*The following employee was promoted:*

Highway Patrol: David Formyduval

*The following employees celebrate significant service milestones in their state careers:*

### 30 years

Highway Patrol: **Pamela Kearns, Kathy Teeters**

### 25 years

Butner Public Safety: Lt. **Bryan Daniel**

Highway Patrol: First Sgt. **Kenneth Pitts**; Sgt. **Howard Wilkerson**; Troopers **Rex Carter, Perry Cochran, Robert Dills, Daniel Kenan, Willie Long, Joseph Rankin** and **Randy Sales**; Pilot **Ricky Wensil**.

### 20 years

Highway Patrol: **Shirley Holland**; Troopers **Tommie Cato, Clifford Walter** and **Kevin Woods**.



## Comings and Goings



*Welcome to our new employees:*

Alcohol Law Enforcement: **Robert Hebert**

Butner Public Safety: **Joshua Taylor**

Emergency Management: **Christopher Gwin**

Highway Patrol: **Joshua Haga, Don Harrison, Kevin Michie**

*Best wishes to our recent retirees:*

Highway Patrol: Lt. **Dennis Garriss**, First Sgt. **Donald Hinson**, Sergeants **Gene Belflowers** and **Gerry Mouzon**, Troopers **Robert Graves, Edmund Gravley, Keith McSheehan, Ricky Mosley, Michael Raines** and **Michael Williamson**.

## **CCPS Employee Picnic** *Friday May 8th*



In honor of State Employees Recognition Week, the annual CCPS employee picnic will be held at the Harrill Center, State Fairgrounds. In case of rain, the alternative location is the National Guard Armory on Reedy Creek Road.

Tickets, \$5, are on sale until May 4. No tickets will be sold at the door. You may purchase a ticket from one of the committee members listed below.

The fun begins at 11:30 a.m. and the lunch line at 11:45 a.m. Dowless Catering will be bringing baked and fried chicken, fried fish, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, corn on the cob, hushpuppies, rolls, homemade ice cream, pound cake, tea and lemonade.

Come enjoy the rock climbing, segway rides, basketball, dancing, limbo, karaoke, music, volleyball, horseshoes and tug-of-war. Don't miss the Pie Throwing Contest (\$1 per throw). The Civil Air Patrol color guard will present the flags.

### **Committee Members:**

**Terry Barbour**, NCNG; **Shirley Brinson**, GCC; **Capt. Everett Clendenin**, SHP; **First Sgt. Steven Greene**, SHP; **Christiane Bracci**, BPS; **Bridget Smith**, ALE; **Julia Jarema**, EM; **Brenda Jones**, EM; **Chariss Jones**, Human Resources; **Janice Turner**, Secretary's Office

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The SmartCommute Challenge is your promise to try a more environmentally friendly commute at least once before May 30. Carpooling, vanpooling, riding your bike or walking, working from home or riding the bus can save you money on gas, reduce your stress, and is easy on the environment!

On Friday, May 8, from 8 to 10 a.m., there will be an on-site SmartCommute Challenge located in the Archdale building-Ground Floor. Or, you can take the SmartCommute Challenge on-line at: [www.SmartCommuteChallenge.org](http://www.SmartCommuteChallenge.org).

For more information, see **Robynne McCrary**, CCPS Fixed Asset & Parking coordinator.

## *Employee Spotlight*

### **Ronald T. Briggs**

The basement beneath Butner Public Safety has been transformed from a moldy, dank hull that flooded occasionally, to a dry, clean, bright blue office area thanks largely to Maj. Ronald T. Briggs, the assistant chief at BPS.

Maj. Briggs spearheaded the basement renovation project when the legislature approved the funding in 2005. Space was desperately needed to replace a 1940-era office building located across the street from BPS headquarters and a mobile home substation about two miles away. The plan was to bring all BPS officers under one roof.



Briggs worked hand-in-hand with the contractors, helping to move the project forward. He talked with the IT section at the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, and staff was able to provide grant money to gut the old wiring and put in a new phone system. The department's Law Enforcement Support Services was able to procure free office furniture from the Maryland Census Bureau – enough to furnish a dozen offices.

BPS staff helped as well. One officer put floor tile in the elevator, painted walls, and replaced ceiling tiles. These tasks were not part of the project due to cuts.

“If we could do it ourselves, we did to save money,” Briggs said. “We kept the costs low.”

Briggs' dogged work and determination paid off in creating space for eight offices, a conference and training room, an interrogation room, an evidence room, a computer server room, and a 911 equipment phone room, a kitchen and an exercise area.

Chief Wayne Hobgood said he selected Briggs from the beginning to be his assistant chief overseeing the agency's budget because “he treats the state's money as if it is his own, he's very frugal in nature. He puts people's feet to the fire, squeezing to get more if he can,” Hobgood said. “He also has a good demeanor about him and works well with others. As far as doing more with the less, he knows how to stretch a dollar.”

A native of the area, Briggs was born in Oxford and lived in Butner for 12 years before his family moved to nearby Berea. He helped out on his grandfather's tobacco farm until he turned 16. After he graduated from J.F. Webb High School in Oxford in 1974, he started working at Hardees, serving hamburgers until he was quickly promoted to manager. He stayed with Hardees for 13 years, managing their restaurants in several locations: Atlantic Beach, New Bern, Raleigh, Winston-Salem and Kernersville.

It was in Atlantic Beach where he met his wife of 27 years, Beverly. She was on summer break from Appalachian State and came to work at the restaurant as a seasonal employee.

In 1984, Briggs, was ready for a career change and began looking closer to home. Butner Public Safety came to mine. Then director Ronald Alligood encouraged him to pursue it.

Briggs went through Basic Law Enforcement Training and started as a public safety officer, working at the National Guard range, checking the property to be sure the firing range was clear for trainings and that the gates were locked. The National Guard owns nearly 4,000 acres at Butner.

He was promoted to lieutenant in 1993, captain of patrol in 1999, captain of investigations in 2002, and assistant chief/major in 2005. As assistant chief, Briggs is over the fire service and logistics, handling police and fire vehicles, weapons, uniforms and budget. He schedules fire drills every month, and does fire inspections for the state and federal institutions and for the local government buildings.

“This was a big career move, different from anything I’ve ever done. I love it , and am very grateful and blessed that I made that decision,” Brigg said.

After hours, Briggs runs a lawn service that he’s been doing for 20 years. He loves to play golf, hunt and fish. This past season, he entered a 22-point rack at the Dixie Deer Classic and won best in the category of non-typical deer.

Briggs is a Deacon in his church, the Mount Harmony Baptist Church in Moriah, the little town in Person County where he and Beverly live. He teaches Sunday School, and occasionally does the Wednesday night prayer service for the pastor.

Briggs and his wife have two grown daughters, Adrienne, 23 who is a dental assistant, and Laura, 20, who is in nursing school. His youngest joins Briggs on his hunting and fishing expeditions.

What he enjoys most about his job is that he is able to give back to the community where he was reared. “I still am in communication with a lot of the people I grew up with,” Briggs said. He says he best enjoys the camaraderie with his fellow BPS officers.

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