



# *The CCPS All-Points Bulletin*

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## *A Message from the Secretary*

We are just now moving into the busiest time of the hurricane season and already North Carolina has been visited by Alex, Bonnie and Charley. Thank you to everyone who worked these storms, and to those continuing to help with the recovery. CCPS once again led the state in being ready for whatever Mother Nature had in store for us. We need only look to Central Florida to know how lucky we were that the damage in our state wasn't worse, and to know that we need to be ready for what comes next.

September is National Preparedness Month, which will provide Americans with a variety of opportunities to learn more about ways they can prepare for an emergency, get an emergency supply kit, establish a family communications plan, and become better aware of threats that may impact communities. September 9<sup>th</sup> will be "Ready North Carolina" day, with informational booths about preparedness on display at the State Capitol. Additional information will be distributed to the news media and placed on our website. If you haven't already done so, please take this opportunity to get your family ready for the remainder of hurricane season, and for the winter weather that follows. Thank you.

*Bryan E. Beatty*

## *From the Benefits and Safety Office*

Under a new law signed by Governor Mike Easley, North Carolina government agencies may offer TRICARE eligible active or retired state employees and teachers the ASI TRICARE Supplement health insurance beginning January 1, 2005. The TRICARE Supplement is a health benefits choice for military TRICARE eligible employees and their families. It is offered as an alternative to the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan. Employees selecting the TRICARE Supplement drop their State Health Plan coverage. TRICARE becomes the primary coverage and the TRICARE Supplement provides secondary coverage.

### **Who Is Eligible for the TRICARE Supplement Program?**

All full time North Carolina State TRICARE eligible employees under age 65 entitled to retiree, retainer or equivalent pay are eligible. Coverage is extended to your spouse, under age 65 and unmarried dependent children under age 21 (23 if a full-time student). TRICARE is a medical plan provided by the Department of Defense. Eligible North Carolina State employees or the spouse of a North Carolina State employee must be:

- MILITARY RETIREES under the age of 65, their spouses under age 65 or surviving spouses and their unmarried, dependent children under age 21 or 23 if a full-time student
- Family members and survivors of ACTIVE DUTY.
- Spouses and eligible unmarried dependent children of disabled veterans and who are eligible for CHAMPVA.
- Registered with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and entitled to retired, retainer or equivalent pay.

With the combined TRICARE/TRICARE Supplement, employees and their dependents receive nearly 100% coverage on all TRICARE eligible services (no deductibles, no co-pays, and no out-of-pocket costs). The employee cost of the TRICARE Supplement is paid by the employer. Dependent coverage may be selected by the employee at costs much less than the cost of dependent coverage through the State Health Plan.

There will be more information about TRICARE in the coming months. In the meantime, if you want more information, go to: <http://ncemployee22.absmil.net>.

### *Congratulations!*

**Gary Dudley**, Instructor/Coordinator at the N.C. Police Corps Academy, is the first officer in the state to be awarded the new Tactical Training Certificate from the North Carolina Justice Academy. Gary completed 500 hours of course work to earn the certificate...and he's also a brand new daddy! For information on the certificate program contact Rick Tullis at NCJA 828-685-1183, ext 211.

The following SHP members were promoted effective in July and August: Majors **G.D. Hayes** and **W.J. Wilson, Jr.**; Captains **T.L. Isaacs**, **A.L. Midgett**, and **W.R. Scott**; Lieutenants **G.L. Bell**, **P.M. Jones**, and **V.C. Lessane**; First Sergeants **J.L. Brower, Jr.**, **J.T. Burgin**, **B.R. Culler, Jr.**, **R.L. Feimster**, **D.C. Garriss**, **R.G. Hogan, Jr.**, and **T.M. Poulin**; and Sergeants **V.E. Burton**, **G.C. Cagle**, **J.A. Cameron**, **R.W. Elkins, Jr.**, **Ardeen Hunt, Jr.**, **D.E. Keel**, **C.W. Lewis**, **M.R. Smith**, and **C.A. White**.

The following people have reached state government service milestones as of August 2004. Please congratulate these fellow CCPS employees on their achievements. 25 years: **Gibson S. Clements**, **Dean A. Crawford**, **Jonathan B. Fleetwood**, **Bruce W. Foggiano**, **Randy L. Hammonds**, **Phillip M. Jones**, **Thomas J. King**, **Anthony L. Midgett**, **Woody F. Sandy**, **Alvin T. Seagle**, **Shadrack G. Small IV**, **Richard M. Thornell**, **Willie W. Wilburn, Jr.**, and **Jeffrey L. Young**.

### *Comings & Goings*

Welcome to our new employees: **Thomas Barnes, Jr.** and **Charles Edwards**, EM; **Rita Shaver** and **Henry Strickland**, NCNG; and **Elizabeth Clark** and **Raymond Young, Sr.**, SHP. Good luck to our recent retirees: **Sheppard Moore**, EM; Lt. **W.S. Martin, Jr.**, F/Sgt. **Dallas Pate**, Sgt. **J.B. Moser**, and **VEOI J.C. Moore**, SHP.

### *Division News*

The memory of **Trooper Anthony Cogdill** was honored on August 27 with the dedication of the N.C. 209 bridge over Interstate 40 as the "Anthony G. Cogdill Memorial Bridge." Cogdill was killed in the line of duty May 30, 2003, when his patrol car was hit by an impaired truck driver while the trooper was making a traffic stop alongside I-40 in Haywood County.

The **N.C. Missing Persons Center**, which is part of **ALE**, and the **Emergency Management Communications Center** successfully activated the new AMBER Alert emergency broadcast system on three occasions this month. The missing children were found unharmed in all three cases. The new system uses satellite technology to put a message on broadcast stations to immediately notify listeners and viewers of an abducted child in their area. It replaces the older low-band transmission system that was inconsistent in getting information to the news media around the state.

The **National Guard** will host a "Kids on Guard" camp for the children of deployed soldiers and airmen on Sept. 18 in at the Morrisville armory. North Carolina's First Lady, Mary Easley, will attend the day-long camp which is designed to help children cope with the stress of having a parent on active duty.

The Guard will also welcome home another of its military police units next month that has been on active duty for nearly two years. The ceremony for the **514<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company** will be held September 9 in Greenville.

**Butner Public Safety** invites everyone to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Butner Public Safety Day on Saturday, October 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the South Granville Exchange Club and takes place at the Gazebo Park on Central Avenue in Butner. There will be displays and exhibits set up by local and state law enforcement, county and state fire departments, and EMS crews representing more than 15 agencies. A "learn not to burn" simulator trailer will also be on site to teach children how to react in case of a fire in their home. Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks are provided for all guests.

### *Date and Time for Future CCPS iForums*

Wednesday, September 29: 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. – guest to be announced

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