



# 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 State Employee's Combined Campaign begins Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope you will take this opportunity to help those less fortunate.

The contributions to your favorite charities through the Combined Campaign are significant. You have more than 800 non-profit organizations to choose from, and the majority of your contributions go directly to the charity. You can donate to the charity of your choice by selecting a one-time donation of cash or a check (ten dollar minimum), or by a monthly payroll deduction (five dollar monthly minimum).



Donation packets to all CCPS employees will be delivered by your local area coordinator in late August. The Campaign ends October 10th.

In these times of economic uncertainty, I hope you will find it in your heart to help others who are more in need.

*Bryan Beatty*

## Congratulations!

Dare County Board of Commissioners, chairman, Warren Judge, presented the Chairman's Award to **David Humphrey**, Area 1 coordinator for the NC Division of Emergency Management, in appreciation of his work in Dare County. The Chairman's Award is presented for distinguished service to the community. Chairman Judge presented the award to Humphrey on Aug. 11 in the Dare County Emergency Operations Center. Humphrey plans to retire in November after 30 years of dedicated work.





*The following employee was promoted:*

Butner Public Safety: **James Champion**

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

30 years

Highway Patrol: **Jerry Johnson** and **Maynard Parris**

25 years

Highway Patrol: **Ferrell Kidd, Rhonda Moore** and **Benjamin Parham**

20 years

Emergency Management: **John Dorman** and **Joe Wright, Jr.**

Highway Patrol: **Dawn Deal** and **Anthony DiGiovanni,**



## ***Comings and Goings***



*Welcome to our new employees:*

Butner Public Safety: **Johnnie Long**

Emergency Management: **Sharon Winstead**

Fiscal: **Marsha Overby**

State Highway Patrol: **Ebenezer Barrington , Colleen Gonde, Edward Royal, Alice Sauer, Richard Schofield, Peter Stevenson** and **Matthew Wike**

*Best wishes to our recent retirees:*

State Highway Patrol: **Datus Beam, William Gillison, Larry Harrell, Ricky Rogers, Stevenson Roten** and **Edwin Wheeler.**

*Correction: In the July issue, **Zachary Wynne** was misidentified as being with the State Highway Patrol. He said that although he was really hoping for the car, gun and badge, he's going to stick with his job at the Division of Emergency Management as a State Homeland Security Operations Planner.*

## ***Guard Soldiers Respond to Serious Accident Near Fort Bragg***

On their way home from a drill in Goldsboro on August 2, four medically-trained NC National Guard soldiers came upon a multi-vehicle accident near Ft. Bragg and quickly provided assistance.

“There were bikes and bodies everywhere,” said Chaplain Col. Richard Leever, an eyewitness who works at Ft. Bragg and a former Virginia National Guard soldier.

The soldiers, Sgt. **Debra Bain**, Sgt. **Robert Whitfield**, Staff Sgt. **Cassandra Rogers** and Pfc. **Diana Farnsworth**, of Co. C, 230<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion, 30<sup>th</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team, treated and comfort the injured.

The accident occurred when a truck crossed the median and struck a motorcyclist, creating a chain reaction collision with other motorcyclists. When the Civilian Emergency Medical Technicians arrived, the injured were taken to medical facilities.

“It was great having them on scene,” said Sampson County Paramedic Cindy Jones. “They helped a lot, told us how many were injured and helped me get them ready for transport.”

The citizen soldiers used the same skills aiding fellow citizens as training for deployments in support of the global war on terror.

“I was thinking, where did these soldiers come from, moving with purpose and knowing what they were doing?” said Leever. “They made me so proud as a Guardsman.”

## ***26 Graduate from National Guard Officer Candidate School (OCS)***

The N.C. Army National Guard's 139th Regiment, N.C. Military Academy, commissioned 26 new officers in a graduation ceremony August 21, in Fayetteville.

Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram, Jr., the Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard, also an Officer Candidate School graduate, spoke to the new officers and their families.

The graduation marks the end of 18 months of training for the traditional OCS candidates in Class 50, who trained one weekend a month and completed two, two-week summer sessions. The graduates from Accelerated Class 13 received the same skill and leadership training in a nine-week class.

In addition, five OCS alumni were inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. The OCS Hall of Fame honors OCS graduates that have achieved the rank of colonel or been elected to public office. Representative Cullie M. Tarleton, an inductee, was a graduate of Class 1 in 1959 under OCS's first commandant, Col. William P. Keeton, Jr. He now represents the 93rd District in the House of Representatives.

## Employee Spotlight



**Steve Myers**, born and reared in Salisbury, is the center supervisor for Troop E Communications in Salisbury. He started as a telecommunicator with the State Highway Patrol at that location 24 years ago, and became a shift supervisor in 1993 and promoted to center supervisor in 2005.

Myers said it's an easy time right now because he works with so many good telecommunicators and works for a good command staff. Troop E's communications center takes from 250 to 300 calls for service per day. He said they handle more than the normal calls for accidents, disabled vehicles, careless and reckless drivers and intoxicated drivers. They also handle incidents such as plane crashes, chemical spills and car chases.

"Whatever comes up, you need to handle it," Myers said. "The communications center is involved in a lot of that. Every day changes with different situations."

Myer's most memorable call came when the pedestrian bridge collapsed at Lowe's Motor Speedway on May 20, 2000. An 80-foot section of the walkway fell 25 feet onto a highway in Concord. More than 100 people were injured, some seriously.

"We only had three operators and we worked 20 hours straight, Myers said. They had to call Emergency Medical Services to the scene, coordinate the ambulance and rescue operation, have troopers set up a landing zone for the helicopters, and block roads. They also sent troopers to the hospitals to log the names of the injured so they could tell family members who called where their loved ones were taken.

Myers graduated from Salisbury High School in 1980, then joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in England and Georgia. As soon as he got out of the service in 1984, Myers started his job at Troop E as a telecommunicator.

Myers and his wife, Tania, (also from Salisbury), have been married 19 years and had two children, 14-year-old daughter, Kaley, and son, Adam. Adam passed away with leukemia at the age of two. Each year, the Myers host a charity golf tournament in his name and the proceeds go to the oncology unit at Brenner Children's Hospital in Winston-Salem.

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