



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



So far the hurricane and flu seasons have only been tapping on our door. If the loud knock ever were to come, I am sure that this department is well prepared to respond.

National Preparedness month falls in September, a month for North Carolinians when our children return to school and the Atlantic storms blow our way. These are two important reasons to be vigilant and to stay alert.

Each Crime Control and Public Safety employee needs to set the example by making preparations at home and at work in case you are needed to be in the office for an extended period of time, you are deployed to the field for duty, or if you and your family need to evacuate your home or be quarantined in it.

The flu.

Currently, North Carolina has both seasonal flu and H1N1 flu cases. The flu can spread rapidly in a school, the work place and the community unless people take precautions. I urge CCPS employees to take a few simple steps to help prevent the flu from spreading. Standard recommendations include washing your hands frequently, covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, cleaning door and faucet handles with an anti-bacterial cleanser. Also, eat right and stay fit.

Hurricanes

Recorded history shows that September is North Carolina's biggest month for category three hurricanes: Three unnamed ones in 1883, 1933 and 1944; then Hurricane Ione in 1955, Donna in 1960, Diana in 1984, Gloria in 1985, Hugo in 1989 and Fran in 1996. The most costly hurricane, Floyd, was a category two, which flooded eastern North Carolina in September 1999.

It's interesting to note that North Carolina has had only three category four hurricanes, and they all hit in August: one in 1879, another in 1899 and Hurricane Hazel in 1954.

When disaster strikes, most of our divisions play key roles in protecting the public. The State Highway Patrol provides traffic control and flow, the Civil Air Patrol provides aerial views of damaged areas, the National Guard provides the muscle and man-power to reach victims, Alcohol Law Enforcement helps in various capacities as do other divisions, and Emergency Management is the glue that pulls us all together to work seamlessly.

Our role is a major one in helping to keep the public safe from pandemics and hurricanes. As we stand ready to respond, please remember that each of you is part of the CCPS team, and your work is very much valued and appreciated.

Reuben Young

New Division Heads for CCPS



Colonel Randy Glover

The State Highway Patrol has a new colonel. **Randy Glover** took the Oath of Office Aug. 7. He replaces Walter Wilson who retired in July. A Nashville native, Glover has served on the Patrol since 1980 when he was first assigned to Harnett County. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute in Louisville. Prior to this appointment, Glover was a lieutenant colonel serving as director of field operations.

In addition, Gov. Perdue appointed Major Wellington Scott to fill the position of lieutenant colonel vacated by Glover. Lt. Col. Jamie Hatcher will remain in his current position as deputy commander.

Glenn Mack is the new director of Information Services for CCPS. Mack brings 18 years of information technology experience in the public and private sectors. He worked in the IT industry in the United States and several foreign countries. Most recently, Glenn served as IT director for Pace Communications, a magazine publishing company in Greensboro, N.C.



Glenn Mack

Congratulations!



The following employees were promoted:

State Highway Patrol: **William Glover, Wellington Scott** and **Tamara Zmuda**

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

30 years

State Highway Patrol: **Richard Grubb** and **Patty Petteway**

25 years

Butner Public Safety: **Wayne Hobgood** and **Gwendolyn Bullock**

State Highway Patrol: First Sgt. **Robert Hogan** and **Phillip Poole**

20 years

State Highway Patrol: Sgt. **Mark Gravitte**; Troopers **James Evans, Todd Lamb, Christopher Robinson, Leonard Crumpler**



Comings and Goings



Welcome to our new employees:

Administration: **Glenn Mack**

Emergency Management: **William Foxx** and **Christopher LeTourneau**

State Highway Patrol: **Carey Ham** and **Pamela Jenkins**

Best wishes to our recent retirees

Emergency Management: **Thomas Cadwallader**

State Highway Patrol: **Robert Klingele, Bobby Price Jr.** and **Dawn Williams**

In Memoriam:

Fiscal: **Carl "Ricky" Byrd**



From the Desk of the CCPS Wellness Program

Welcome to the Wellness Program, “Active for Duty” section of the CCPS Newsletter. We are excited to offer news and information that you can use to promote balanced and healthy living.

Workplace Ergonomics

Ergonomics is the science of fitting the job to the worker. More simply said, ergonomics is the science of making things comfy and efficient. Take this assessment to determine the ergonomic fitness of your workstation. www.ergotron.com/tabid/390/default.aspx.

Cancer Support Group – Next meeting Nov. 4,

Cancer remains the number two killer of Americans. Come out to the next Cancer Support Group meeting to hear Mark Mead, a nutritional oncologist specialist, educate cancer patients, cancer survivors and supporters of those who have cancer on how to keep cancer in remission after cancer treatment.

Location: State Highway Patrol Training Academy, Building 4 classroom 1

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact: Trooper Larry McKeithan, lwmckeithan@ncshp.org Please email Trp. McKeithan to reserve your seat by Thursday, Oct. 29.

Patrol Stroll – Sept. 26

The Patrol Stroll brings citizens and law enforcement together in a combined effort to improve the overall health of North Carolina citizens. Join us for a fun-filled day of racing, rock climbing, obstacle courses and health exhibits at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Academy 3318 Old Garner Road, Raleigh. This event is a family event. All proceeds benefit Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration and activity set-up. For more information and to register, please visit www.thepatrolstroll.org



Search and Rescue Teams

In the past decade, state search and rescue teams have saved thousands of lives, according to N.C. Division of Emergency Management Director Doug Hoell. To read more about the development of search and rescue teams since Hurricane Floyd in 1999, go here:

<http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/NewsReleases/2009/EM/EMSARTraining.htm>



Employee Spotlight

Based in Iraq since April, Trooper **Micheal O. Jones**, known as, “Mo,” asked for a message to be passed on to Col. Randy Glover, commander of the State Highway Patrol. “Tell him that I do want a new Dodge Charger when I get home....with all the equipment on it.”

Jones, who is a staff sergeant with the N.C. National Guard, said by telephone interview in August that his combat unit has run more than 100 missions. “I’ve only had about four close calls since I’ve been here,” he said.

Jones is acting platoon sergeant, supervising 16 soldiers. “I’m like a dad or a big brother to them, taking care of their needs on or off the FOB (forward operating base).”

Their missions are within 20 miles of their base, but Jones said, “Because of how slow we are, it seems like 100 miles away.”

Working with the Iraqi police force, his platoon performs searches for Improvised Explosive Devices.



“I know we are,” Jones said about being in danger. “We have to react to it. There’s always a chance of something going wrong and you have to fight for your life.”

Fortunately, they are not always out on combat missions. Sometimes they are part of a humanitarian aid mission.

Jones is a native of Wilson, graduating from James B. Hunt High School in 1981. He joined the U.S. Army in September 1981, and served in Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Camp Casey, Korea, and Oakland, Calif. He was discharged in 1984.

The following year, Jones joined the Wilson Police Department and worked there until he joined the State Highway Patrol in 1989. With the Patrol, he worked in Martin, Wake and Nash counties then worked in Greenville in the collision reconstruction unit for five years before being assigned to his home county, Wilson.



Jones has been with the National Guard since 2005. He sees a lot of similarity between being a state trooper and a soldier in Iraq.

“Like the Highway Patrol, we learn not to get in a routine here and don’t become complacent.” He says his role in Iraq, as at home, is as an enforcer of the laws and a protector of the people. Both roles have a similar chain of command operation, and both act as civil servants.

Jones said there are a lot of rumors about when his company, the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, will be returning to North Carolina. He thinks it may be January, but he’d be happy if it were sooner.

Jones’ day starts between 5 and 6 a.m., assigning soldiers to duties such as maintenance to certify that their vehicles are safe for travel, loading cargo, supervising guard details or preparing for missions.

During his down times, he will check his e-mails from home, even though the Internet is slow. Captain James Williams, First Sgt. R.T. Futrell and several others from Troop C have been good about keeping in touch with him.

“He is a valued employee in this district and he is dearly missed,” Futrell said. “We look forward to his safe return. I’ve known him for 20 years, and he’s one you can depend on, a dependable friend.”

To help the time go by, Jones says he listens to spiritual music, and he’s starting to go back to the gym to work out.

“I’m able to make the best of it,” Jones said. “The living conditions aren’t as clean as back home, but I’ve been able to tolerate a lot of it.” He said his faith plays a large part in his ability to cope. “I read the Bible to get through each and every day.”

“I miss the Highway Patrol. I miss communicating with citizens in the county where I work. I miss home in general. “

Jones and his wife, Sheila, have three grown children and one grandchild. Jones was active in his church, coached Little League baseball for his son when he was younger, served as a town commissioner and mayor pro temp in Sharpsburg.

Jones is looking forward to the day he returns to his job with Troop C, “maintaining the honor of the Patrol as I was sworn to do.”

And maybe, just maybe, it will be in a new, fully-equipped Dodge Charger.

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