



The CCPS All-Points Bulletin

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

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A Message from the Secretary

As we come to the end of 2006, I want to thank each employee for the contribution made toward a very productive year at Crime Control and Public Safety. Whether you work in the fiscal office, making sure everyone is paid on time, or you're nabbing illegal poker machines, your daily dedication and personal commitment to your job has helped our department maintain the excellent reputation we have enjoyed through the years.

I was reminded of our employees' dedication at the recent I-40 Asheville bridge dedication in honor of Trooper George C. Penn. He was killed on August 22, 1937, from gunshot wounds inflicted by two escaped felons operating a stolen vehicle. No higher service can be expected than to lay down your life to protect others as Penn did.

That same commitment holds true with our National Guardsmen serving at home or overseas. While these brave men and women are available in the most difficult of times, they also host from-the-heart projects such as Operation Santa Claus, a Christmas party for disadvantaged children, and Tarheel Challenge, a program for at-risk high school dropouts.

Emergency Management employees can be equally proud of the outstanding job they did helping the community get back on its feet, following last month's tornado in Columbus County.

As we count down to a new year, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is urging Americans to make an important and easy resolution – to prepare themselves, their families and their businesses for emergencies. Go to our website, www.readync.org to find out more on how you can be prepared.

Please drive safely during the holidays, and I look forward to another productive year in 2007.

Bryan E. Beatty



Comings and Goings

Welcome to our new employees:

Governor's Crime Commission - **Lindsay W. McLeod** and **Paul LaChance**. Victim's Compensation Services - **Beatrice Velazquez**. Emergency Management - **Dawn V. Ingram**. The State Highway Patrol - **Joy B. Davis**, tele-communicator, **Joshua R. Deal**, trades worker, and **Jose Cooper III**, weigh station operator.

Newly-sworn troopers: **Stephen D. Allen, Brandon R. Baker, Joseph Brayboy, Kenneth Burroughs, Justin D. Carter, Scott M. Casner, Jason Crouse, Michael Davidson, Craig S. Davis, Malcolm Eason, John D. Edwards, Nathaniel M. Fox, Kathryn Freeman, Christopher Garner, Christopher Godwin, David S. Gould, Jeffrey J. Gray, Christopher Hall, Joseph Hassell, Eddie L. Hobson, James Holbert Jr., Eva Howard, Joseph Howard, Paul D. Hughes, Craig I. Hundley, Kendrick Jacobs, Brandon Jefferson, Lydia J. Jordan, Jonathan E. Lee, Benjamin Marsh, Samuel D. Martin, Ross L. Maynor, Patrick Medlin, Brandon Michael, Brian M. Milch, Gary A. Mills, Jerry Murphy, Frank E. Odell, Brandon L. Payne, William Porter III, Jarry D. Rauhoff, Bradley R. Reece, Aaron Reynolds, Robie Robertson II, Justin Roy, William Skinner, Matthew A. Smith, Jody L. Sorrells, Brad A. Taylor, Robert G. Terry, Jack L. Thorpe, William Townsend, Christopher Tyndall, Katherine Walsh, Michael Weaver, Mark P. Weekley, Jason Weissinger, Michael T. Whitt, Joseph Wiggs, Joseph J. Zamora,**

Best wishes to our recent retirees: SHP Office Assistant **Ruth P. Belcher**, Trooper **James F. Lewis** and Trooper **Brent D. White**.

Congratulations!

The following Highway Patrol employees were recently promoted to these new ranks: Captains **Troy E. Butler** and **Jennifer A. Harris**. Lieutenants **Teia M. Poulin** and **William R. Maness**. First sergeants **Lyndon K. Casey, Thomas E. Ellis, Steven D. Greene, Calvin S. Holland** and **Barry E. Hower**. Sergeants **Mark L. Cline, Jason R. Deardorff, Barry K. Henline, Gregory S. Johnson, Todd M. Koehler,** and **Randy A. Moreau**.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving, MADD, recognized the Highway Patrol's efforts in regards to DWI enforcement. Colonel W. Fletcher Clay congratulated each of the award recipients for their efforts.

Trooper DWI Hero Award - Trooper **M.D. Gahagan**

Highway Patrol Trooper of the Year Award - Trooper **Jeremiah Brinke**

Award certificates for those troopers with over 100 DWI arrests in 2005

Troopers **M.D. Gahagan, G.A. Johnson, John Katzenberger, Clayton Amaral Bryan Cole, Scott Harrison,** and **Jacob Rogers**.

Kimberly Greene, Human Resources section, graduated October 29th with a Bachelor Degree in Technical Management from DeVry University, with a concentration in Human Resources.

The following employees reached significant service milestones recently in their state government careers: 20 years **Linda Cole, ALE**; 25 years **Michael C. Sills, SHP**, and **Randy Feimster, SHP**.

Mileage Reimbursement Changes

Effective January 1, 2007, the Office of State Budget and Management will change the allowable rate of reimbursement for travel on official business mileage rate from 44.5 cents per mile to 48.5 cents per mile as long as the roundtrip does not exceed 60 miles. Mileage over 60 miles will be reimbursed at 25 cents per mile.

Departments should continue to use the 25 cents per mile rate for employees who choose to use personal vehicles when a state-owned vehicle is available.

Employee Spotlight

Trooper Micheal D.Gahagan



North Carolina ranks sixth in the nation for alcohol-related traffic fatalities, and law enforcement officers made 84,000 DWI arrests across the state last year. One trooper, Micheal D.Gahagan, made the most DWI arrests two years in a row, and was recently honored for his efforts.

On Dec. 1st, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, MADD, gave its highest honor, the Trooper DWI Hero Award, to Trooper Gahagan. In addition to the high number of DWI arrests (205 in 2005), Gahagan was cited for helping train younger troopers on how to catch drunk drivers.

“Catching drunk drivers is what I’ve always done. That’s the most serious violation. That’s what I look for. It’s what I’m good at,” Gahagan said. “Some people say I have a horseshoe, but I just know where to be.”

The 45-year-old Madison County native has a deep love for his job, knowing at the age of eight that he wanted to be in law enforcement. He worked for the Andrews Police Department for three years before enrolling in the SHP training academy. He graduated in July, 1984, and is currently assigned to Troop G, District IV out of Asheville.

On his day off, he was cleaning out his patrol car. “My wife will tell you I have no life but the Highway Patrol,” Gahagan laughed.

He and his wife, Deborah, live in Marshall and have four grown children.

CCPS Division News

Alcohol Law Enforcement: Video Poker Investigation Brought to a Close

On November 14, the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division seized 50 illegal video poker machines and nearly two million dollars in cash from several businesses and two homes in Buncombe and Henderson counties. The raid followed an 18-month investigation.

ALE: “Operation Holiday Blitz” – Rocky Mount, NC

The NC Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, State Highway Patrol, Rocky Mount Police Department and both Nash and Edgecombe County sheriffs offices conducted “Operation Holiday Blitz” in Rocky Mount during early December. The two-day operation, which focused on alcohol-related offenses with a special emphasis on licensed ABC establishments, resulted in 186 people being arrested on 256 charges. Of those arrests, 67 arrests were alcohol-related, and 46 were drug related. During the operation, more than three pounds of marijuana were seized and six weapons were taken off the street.

Law Enforcement Support Services: Police Corps Graduation

For the past decade, North Carolina’s Police Corps program has trained 68 cadets to become some of the state’s most highly-trained and skilled community law enforcement officers. The last Police Corps Academy class in the nation graduated on Friday, December 15 at Salemburg. The five graduates endured the intense, 24-week residential academy designed to create law enforcement officers who have respect for the role of the community in policing. North Carolina was one of six states to implement the pilot program in 1996.

LESS: Defense Logistics Agency Cracks Down on Missing Weapon Reporting

LESS must “Report all stolen or unaccounted for weapons to the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) no later than seven working days after notification is received from the law enforcement agency (LEA). Just a reminder: Be careful with your weapons.

National Guard: Tarheel ChalleNGe Class #27 Graduation Ceremony

The North Carolina National Guard's Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy graduated its 27th class on December 15. Tarheel ChalleNGe improves the life-coping skills and employment potential of high-school dropouts or expellees so that they may become productive members of their communities and society in general.

State Highway Patrol: Bridge Dedication

Patrolman George C. Penn was killed on August 22, 1937, in Buncombe County from gunshot wounds inflicted by two escaped felons operating a stolen vehicle. A ceremony was held on Dec. 8th, honoring Penn for his service by naming the bridge on Interstate 40 at Exit 53, as the Trooper *George C. Penn Bridge*.

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