



The CCPS All-Points Bulletin

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A Message from the Secretary

The annual Severe Weather Awareness Week observation will be March 13-19 this year with the statewide tornado drill scheduled for the morning of March 16th. As the lead emergency response organization in the state, it is up to us to set the example for our citizens. Therefore, I ask that all members of our Department participate in the tornado drill and encourage others in your facilities to do so as well. With tornado season almost here, followed closely by hurricane season, we could all use a refresher on what to do in an emergency. The National Weather Service will use the Emergency Alert System to announce the tornado drill over radio and television stations across the state. Please take this opportunity to ensure that your office has a plan to act in the event of a tornado in your area. Some tips are listed below. If you need more information, please visit our website at www.nccrimecontrol.org/severeweather. Thank you.

Bryan E. Beatty

Tornado Safety Tips

When a tornado **WATCH** is issued:

- Stay tuned to a local radio or TV station or listen to NOAA Weather Radio.
- Survey your immediate surroundings for the most suitable shelter.
- Be alert for changing weather conditions.

When a tornado **WARNING** is issued, or you have an indication that a tornado may be approaching, **TAKE COVER IMMEDIATELY:**

At Home - Seek shelter on the lowest possible floor or in the basement. Under the stairs or in a bathroom or closet are good shelter spots. Stay away from windows. Crouch on the floor in the egg position.

At Work - Seek shelter on the lowest possible floor or a basement, if there is a basement. Stairwells, bathrooms and closets are good spots. Stay away from windows. As a last resort, crawl under your desk.

At School - Seek shelter in interior hallways, small closets and bathrooms. Stay away from windows. Get out of mobile classrooms. Stay out of gymnasiums, auditoriums and other rooms with a large expanse of roof. Bus drivers should be alert for bad weather on their routes.

From the Benefits and Safety Office

The open enrollment period for CCPS employees to sign up for Fortis Dental Insurance runs throughout the month of March. Employees currently enrolled may use this opportunity to add dependents; however, newly enrolled dependents will be subject to applicable waiting periods. For complete details, see the letter from Lt. Mills in this month's pay envelope. The effective date of the insurance is May 1, 2005.

The State Health Plan is warning employees to be cautious when making a decision about whether to go to a mobile health screening clinic or your regular physician for checkups. A company called Ultrascreen is advertising "preventive medical screening" services to state employees which are eligible for reimbursement under the NCFlex Health Care Spending Account. The State Health Plan advises employees that not all the Ultrascreen tests are covered, and that the employee's primary care physician is really in the best position to evaluate their patient's individual risk for disease and order appropriate screening tests based on the available evidence and individual clinical situation.

Comings & Goings

Welcome to our new employees: **Trish Holmes**, Human Resources; **Tonda Shelton**, EM; **Stacy Anderson**, GCC; and **Robin Nixon** and **Connie Price, Jr.**, SHP.

Good luck to our recent retirees: **Morning Lopp**, GCC; and Sgt. **J.A. White**, Trps. **B.R. Leblanc**, **J.A. May** and **C.R. Wilson**, and Off. **K.V. Hunt**, SHP.

Congratulations!

Delores Cooper has been promoted to Personnel Technician and **Kistina Freeman** to Personnel Assistant in the Human Resources Office.

The following SHP employees were promoted to these new ranks in a ceremony on February 9: Majors **J.J. Hatcher** and **W.F. Sandy**; Captains **D.C. Broome**, **R.E. Campbell**, **K.M. Castelleo**, and **W.P. Norris**; Lieutenants **R.E. Clendenin**, **A.C. Combs**, **E.M Dalton**, **V.F. Mellone, Jr.**, **T.A. Miller**, **M.B. Mills**, **P.H. Phillips**, **James Williams, Jr.**, and **C.T. Woodard**; First Sergeants **A.L. Coley**, **M.T. Faison**, **W.A. Hook**, **R.D. Jacobs**, **B.K. Lisenby**, **C.V. Ward**, **J.B. Warren**, and **D.L. Witherspoon**; and Sergeants **J.R. Allred**, **K.E. Barker**, **J.S. Cox**, **W.L. Dancy, Jr.**, **A.K. Dietrich**, **I.O. Grady**, **M.W. King**, **J.C. McClelland**, **J.L. Miller**, **T.A. Morgan**, **R.D. Smock, Jr.**, **G.W. Starling**, **A.D. Tilley**, and **R.E. Worley**.

The following employees have reached state government service milestones as of January, February and March 2005. Please congratulate these fellow CCPS employees on their achievements. 30 years: **Leon Tolson**; 25 years: **Doug Hoell**; 20 years: **Terry Bullin**, **Ken Castelleo**, **Anthony Chambers**, **Dwight Cole**, **Samuel Collins Jr.**, **James Cox**, **David Jackson**, **Jeffrey Jarrett**, **Crawford Jones**, **Maylon Kirby Jr.**, **Robert Klingele**, **Robert Lane**, **David McCoy**, **Keith McSheehan**, **Raymond Nichols**, **Lisa Patton**, **Patrick Staggs**, **Jimmy R. Williams**, **David O. Williams Jr.**, and **Rocky Willis**.

Division News

Butner Public Safety is partnering with area state and federal agencies to conduct confined space rescue training that could become a lifesaver someday. The Butner jurisdiction in Granville County is home to a vast array of industries and governmental agencies that house areas categorized as "confined spaces." Accidents occurring in a confined space can quickly escalate to life threatening levels if adequately trained rescue personnel are not readily available. The training will enhance Butner Public Safety Officers' capabilities. The officers are already cross-trained and function as both certified police officers and firefighters.

Alcohol Law Enforcement agents are readying their annual "Keys to Life" campaigns at high schools across the state. "Keys to Life" educates teens that are in the midst of planning graduation parties and senior proms on the dangers of alcohol abuse and driving while impaired.

The North Carolina Wing of the **Civil Air Patrol** (CAP) will hold its annual cadet drill competition on March 5th at the Army National Guard Aviation Facility in Morrisville adjacent to the RDU Airport. During the competition, cadets from CAP units across the state will be judged on uniform inspections, customs and courtesies, leadership, aerospace education, drill movements and team spirit.

Emergency Management is working with the Burke County Search-and-Rescue (SAR) Team, Western Piedmont Community College, and the North Carolina Search and Rescue Advisory Council to sponsor the Western North Carolina 2005 SAR Exercise. This exercise will simulate actual operational conditions, using persons posing as missing subjects. The exercise will be conducted from March 30th to April 2nd.

The National Guard's 30th Heavy Separate Brigade has returned from more than a year of active duty, most of it spent in Iraq. More than 1,200 **North Carolina National Guard** members remain on federal duty overseas. Since 9-11-01, more than 7,000 North Carolina National Guard soldiers and airmen have been called to federal active duty in defense of the nation; more than at any time since World War II. Please remember to keep these Guard members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

The *All-Points Bulletin* is your newsletter! If you have information you would like included, please contact the Public Affairs Office at 919-733-5027 or send e-mail to rhoffman@nccrimecontrol.org before the 15th of each month.