



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

My thanks to every employee who has heeded Gov. Easley's mandate to conserve water at work and at home. While the heavy December rains helped a few areas of the state recover slightly, the entire state continues to suffer from one of the worst droughts on record. To bring the majority of the state back to *moderate* drought levels, we need *two feet* of rain in the next six months. Unfortunately, current weather forecasts indicate we have only a 15-20 percent chance of getting that much rain. In short: it looks like we're likely to be in much worse shape this summer than we were last summer.



As for washing state cars, we will have to wait on Mother Nature to do that for us. I want to remind all employees NOT to wash their state vehicles per the governor's order. And every employee can help by foregoing washing their personal vehicles. As Gov. Easley has said, we can think of our dirty cars as badges of honor.

**We're all in this
together.**



Conserve water now.

Each of us should continually examine our daily water use and see if we can find more ways to conserve. Low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators can be purchased at any hardware store, and please limit your showers to five minutes or less.

Even if drenching rains soaked North Carolina for several weeks, people will still need to remain vigilant in their water use. The state's growing population will place increasing demands on our limited resources in the coming years, so we all need to practice water conservation all the time.

We are all in this together, so I thank you for your efforts to conserve water.

Bryan Beatty

Congratulations!



The following employees were promoted:

Administration: **Margaret Harris**, Accounting Clerk IV.

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

40 years

State Highway Patrol: **Laverne Williams**

25 years

Governor's Crime Commission: **Frances Battle**

State Highway Patrol: **Kathy Hess**

20 years

Administration: **Dan Domico**

Governor's Crime Commission: **Cheryl Bryant**

State Highway Patrol: **Gary Barnes, Eddie Ledbetter**



Comings and Goings



Welcome to our new employees:

Alcohol Law Enforcement: **Bryan Reeves** and **Mark Lesassier**, Agents
Emergency Management: **Cooper Hancock**, Planner I; **Karen Hamby**,
Program Assistant V; **Dorothy Henderson**, Community Development
Specialist; **Janelle Wilkey**, Planner I;

State Highway Patrol: **Danny Barnes**, Technology Support Analyst; **Michael Vess**, Patrol
Telecommunicator; **Donald Huneycutt**, Mechanic II; **Jon Linebrink**, Networking Technician;
Kimberly Davis, Office Asst. IV; **Lisa Justice**, Business and Tech APP Analyst; **John
Graven**, Technology Support Analyst; **Kathryn Wall**, Technology Support Analyst; **Willie
Finger**, Weigh Station Operator.

Best wishes to our recent retirees:

Governor's Crime Commission: **Betty Perry**, Administrative Assistant II

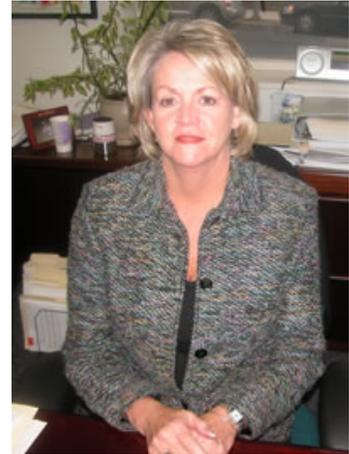
State Highway Patrol: **Gloria McLamb**, Cook Supervisor II; Lieutenants **William Hicks**,
Bronnie Jones, Jr., **Herbert Weissinger**; Sergeant **Steven Pierce**; Master Troopers **Jimmy
Anderson**, **Timothy Brooks** and **Stover Terry**; **Darrell Staley**, Auto Body Shop Supervisor.

Employee Spotlight

Sue Preston

Sue Preston, assistant director of the N.C. Redevelopment Center, has seen her share of disasters in her career and enjoys helping people get back on their feet. That's what she's doing now, helping to oversee the state's disaster funding for the six storms that hit North Carolina in 2004.

"Peeks Creek was a real disaster," Preston said about the mountain community devastated by a landslide caused by Frances and Ivan's heavy rains. "We really don't know what a disaster is," Preston said. "Peeks Creek and Hurricane Katrina are two of the worst storms I have seen .in my years of disaster work.



Preston worked for the Small Business Administration (SBA) in Biloxi, Mississippi, following Hurricane Katrina.

"Everyday, I drove the coast of Biloxi and saw the devastation. I worked with the people and I cried with the people. Everyone has a story to tell, and you just have to let them tell it."

Over several years, Preston worked for the SBA in 14 states, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas. She's seen the devastation of hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and ice storms. For four years she was on the road for 350 to 360 days a year, sometimes staying, she said, in some nasty hotels. "When you sleep in your clothes, and leave your luggage in the car, you know it's bad. You just have to do what you have to do," Preston said.

After working in the mortgage and construction lending business for years, Preston started working for the federal government in Wilmington, for the SBA following Hurricane Fran.

When Hurricane Floyd flooded eastern North Carolina in 1999, Preston came to Raleigh to staff the SBA centers down east. When the General Assembly appropriated money for Floyd, she went to work for the state, administering housing replacement funds for the Housing Finance Agency, later transferred to the Redevelopment Center, a division of the Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety.

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Preston knew she had to go.

"Once disasters get in your blood, you just get consumed," Preston said. "The adrenaline starts pumping and you feel you just have to go, so I went. I'm real glad I did that," Preston said of going back to work with the federal government.

Preston took many pictures of the devastation along the Gulf Coast, but the most meaningful picture for her was one of the American Flag in shreds and still on its pole blowing in the wind, despite Katrina.



“That summed up the people’s lives,” Preston said. “Everything is flattened in the background, but the flag was still hanging. That’s just how tangled everyone’s life was.”

In March, 2006, SBA sent Preston to Texas to process disaster applications for hurricane victims of Katrina and Rita. Preston said she missed her two granddaughters in Charlotte, and heard about the vacancy at the Redevelopment Center in Raleigh. The Center director, Yolanda Abram, hired Preston.

“It’s worked out wonderfully, Preston said. “It’s just hard, once you do disasters, to do anything else.”

Preston was able to step right in to the job since she had written the replacement guidelines for the Hurricane Floyd Program the first time she worked for the state.

“Sue Preston is very knowledgeable, committed, and thorough and she leaves no stone unturned,” Abram said. “She has the same expectations for others whether they are staff or our grantee partners.”

Preston now helps oversees the repair and replacement fund for people who had their homes damaged or lost in 2004. The process requires that the counties apply for the money, and follow the guidelines to ensure the money is distributed properly. Preston’s job is to make sure the state’s requirements are being met.

Preston, who was born in Bedford, Virginia, moved to Kernersville in 1982. She loves North Carolina and thinks it is the prettiest state in the country. In her spare time, she loves to bike ride, especially on Ocracoke Island. She also loves to read, enjoys beading work, and especially spending time with good friends.

“Friends are the most important thing in my life,” Preston said. “That’s what I missed the most while I was gone.”

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BEACON and Employee Self Service



Employee ID versus NCID in the BEACON System

As the BEACON project team has been informing state employees about the new system, there has been some confusion regarding the differences between an Employee ID number and an employee's NCID. Following is information to help employees understand these differences.

Employee ID

The Employee ID is an eight-digit number that is generated and assigned to each state employee by the North Carolina Retirement Systems when that employee begins state service. It is designed to help phase out the use of Social Security Numbers as a means of identification for security purposes.

Employees in BEACON-impacted agencies will use this number to identify themselves when calling the BEACON Enterprise Support Team (BEST) Shared Services Center.

Example of an Employee ID for Suzy Q. Carolina: 27488269

NCID

The NCID is a means of identification allowing state employees access to various systems. The Office of Information Technology (ITS) oversees the NCID program. Employees in BEACON-impacted agencies will use the NCID to access the BEACON Portal.

Your NCID may be a combination of your first and last name, your first and middle initial and last name, or some other combination depending on the frequency with which your name appears among state government employees.

Example of an NCID for Suzy Q. Carolina: sqcarolina

**BEACON is an acronym for – Building Enterprise Access
for North Carolina's Core Operation Needs**

Designed to transform the way the state conducts business by modernizing and standardizing key business processes.