



# The CCPS All-Points Bulletin

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## *A Message from the Secretary*

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, Gov. Easley signed legislation that provides more protection for emergency responders who perform their dangerous jobs along our highways. Currently, the “Move Over” law directs motorists to change lanes or slow down when passing a stopped emergency vehicle with flashing lights alongside the road. The new law increases penalties for violations from \$25 to \$250 plus \$100 in court costs. In addition, the new law includes not just troopers, firemen, police officers and EMS crews, but also any public service vehicles using flashing amber lights, such as DOT’s Incident Management Assistance Patrol vehicles and wreckers.

The increased penalties will serve as a significant motivation for drivers to slow down. And punishment is more than just money out of pocket. A motorist who fails to move over and causes a crash resulting in severe injury or death will face a felony charge. Had the newest version of the law been in effect when Troopers Calvin Taylor and Anthony Cogdill were killed in separate crashes in Haywood County, the persons responsible for their deaths would have faced more severe punishment. Trooper Taylor’s death resulted in the initial passage of the “Move Over” law in 2002. The truck driver who hit Trooper Cogdill was only found guilty of a misdemeanor in 2003, which proved the law needed strengthening. In addition, more than 70 troopers have been hit on the side of the road in the last two years.

The new law takes effect July 1, 2006, and it will be up to us as the state’s lead public safety agency, to help educate motorists about the law. Already throughout North Carolina, more than 40 highway signs reading “Move Over or Reduce Speed for Stopped Emergency Vehicles” are being installed by DOT. Information about the “Move Over” law has also been included on the 2005 State Transportation Map, on posters at rest areas and on informational bookmarks distributed to law enforcement agencies and citizens throughout the state.

All first responders who face danger along the highways owe their thanks to Lara Feinberg, Stan Cogdill, the members of “Families for Roadside Safety” and our own department staff who worked extremely hard to get the law passed in 2003 and the amendments approved this year.

The “Move Over” law is not just another piece of legislation. It’s a law specifically written to help keep our employees safe. Please help us make sure people know about this law. If you need materials, please contact Lt. Clendenin in the Public Affairs Office. Thank you.

*Bryan E. Beatty*

## *An Opportunity to Make a Difference...*

The 2005 **Trooper A.G. Cogdill Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held Saturday, October 8, at 12:00 p.m. at the Waynesville Country Club. The registration deadline for the Captains Choice tournament is September 24. Proceeds go to the Anthony Cogdill Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Stan Cogdill at 828-246-3442 or by mail at 345 Allens Creek Road, Waynesville, 28785.

## *Congratulations!*

**Polly Ross-Umesi**, claims examiner for VCS, gave birth to triplets on Thursday, July 14. The babies, Joseph Jack II, Adam Ross, and Ana Lynn Umesi and mom are all doing fine.

Recent promotions include: **Amy Ikerd** to Emergency Management Planner II and **Randy Mundt** to Community Development Planner III in Emergency Management; and **Michael Williams** to Radio Engineer II and **Laura Delaney** to Telecommunications Shift Supervisor in the Highway Patrol.

These employees recently celebrated significant milestones in their service with the state: **Rebecca Floyd**, 30 years, and **Laura Hill**, 25 years.

### *From the Fiscal Controller's Office*

Effective July 1, 2005, the subsistence reimbursement will be increased by 4.6% for state employee travel. The new subsistence rate will be effective for both years of the 2005-07 biennium. The revision is based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Customers for the most recent 24-month period. The following list details the various rates of subsistence per day for travel related expenses:

	<u>In-State</u>	<u>Out-of-State</u>
Breakfast	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
Lunch	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.25
Dinner	\$ 15.75	\$ 17.75
Lodging (actual, up to)	<u>\$ 59.75</u>	<u>\$ 71.00</u>
Total	\$ 91.75	\$105.00

### *From the Benefits and Safety Office*

The Educational Retirement Group of the Retirement Systems Division at the Department of State Treasurer will conduct retirement conferences for members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System through November. The conferences, in conjunction with Prudential 401K, serve as an orientation for new members, pre-retirement planning for members closer to that golden moment, and are educational for personnel officers and other persons who handle retirement matters. Registration is not required. Dates and locations of planning conferences are located on the Treasurer's webpage. Go to [www.treasurer.state.nc.us](http://www.treasurer.state.nc.us) and click on "2005 Retirement Planning Conferences" in the "Hot Topics" column.

### *Comings and Goings*

Welcome to our new employees: **Emma Kerns, EM; Mashanda Ardister, Thomas Bowlin, Caleb Chambers and Annie Murphy, NCNG; John Groom, Redevelopment Center; Denise Beasley, Valerie Clontz, Tracey Jordan, Sarah Murphy, Ryan Pherribo, and Diana Wilson, SHP.** Also, **Mike Sprayberry** has transferred from the National Guard to become Emergency Management's new Assistant Director for Logistics. Good luck and best wishes to our recent retirees: **Herbert Battle, Marylynn Cahoon, and William Smith III, ALE; Capt. T.L. Isaacs, Sgt. R.L. Stephenson, MCE Sgt. J.A. Henson, REII Glenn Scott, SHP.**

### *Division News*

**Alcohol Law Enforcement** has begun its newly revamped BARS training (Be A Responsible Seller) which is designed to educate retail employees who serve alcohol or tobacco products. The new program is more hands on and encourages more active participation among the attendees. The overall goal of the training is to prevent sales to underage persons or sales of alcohol to intoxicated persons.

First responders in eastern North Carolina will be in exercise heaven the third week of August. Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, led by the state's military bases and with coordination provided by the **N.C. Division of Emergency Management**, will conduct a series of full-scale exercises testing terrorism and emergency response plans in multiple locations. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will observe.

The **Highway Patrol's** first training school 76 years ago has been recognized with a new historical highway marker on U.S. 70 in Morehead City. The N.C. Department of Cultural Resources dedicated the marker this month to commemorate the location of the first SHP school, which graduated 27 officers in 1929.