



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

It is ironic that as we approach the peak of hurricane season we are again preparing for a drought. But the reality is we need to take action to prepare for both emergencies.

Once again, much of the state, especially the west, is experiencing drought conditions. Fortunately, legislation passed last month will make it easier for the state to act quickly to coordinate water sharing among municipalities. Ultimately, though, the best defense against the drought is personal action by each individual and family. Each of us needs to be vigilant in our water usage habits. Every day. Every week. All year long. More information about how you can save water is available on www.savewaternc.org.



Each of us also needs to be prepared with an emergency supply kit in case a hurricane or tropical storm shuts off power, topples trees on to roofs, or causes flooding. As employees of CCPS, we should set the example for our families, friends and neighbors by getting ready at home and encouraging others to do the same.

Simple water conservation and emergency preparation now will make enduring any disaster easier. For information on preparedness, go to www.readync.org.

If you feel like you've heard this message before, you're correct. We talked about the exact same thing 14 months ago. Unfortunately, the drought is worse now than it was at this time last year and North Carolina remains the second most vulnerable state to hurricanes. Both those facts serve as a good reminder that now is the best time to prepare for an emergency.

Bryan Beatty

The Secretary's Gold Circle Award



Alcohol Law Enforcement

Jason Locklear and Christopher Poole



Both were recipients of the Department's Distinguished Service Award, the department's highest recognition for meritorious service. The two were given the Secretary's Gold Circle Award for their professionalism in a successful and challenging investigation that uncovered \$30 million in illegal assets.



Pam Adams

In grateful appreciation for your initiative and enthusiasm in successfully evaluating, analyzing, and revising the hiring process resulting in a more efficient and effective process.

Sheree Brown

In grateful appreciation for your professionalism and dedication in successfully working on the mixed martial arts project and for assuming full responsibility for bingo regulations.



Richard Griffin

In grateful appreciation for your dedication and commitment in successfully developing and implementing the new on-line ABC application investigation process.



State Highway Patrol

Trooper Christopher Matos

In addition to the Secretary's Gold Circle Award, Trooper Christopher Matos received the Department's Heroism Award for assisting in the apprehension of an armed suspect firing a weapon inside a Jacksonville retail store as patrons exited the store. Trooper Matos and other local law enforcement officers apprehended the suspect and took him into custody.



The Heroism Award is the department's highest award for heroism and is presented to employees who risk their lives to help others.

Trooper Gregory Seabolt received the Secretary's Gold Circle Award and the Department's Heroism Award. Trooper Seabolt rescued a driver that had attempted suicide by jumping into Randleman Lake from an overhead bridge. Following a report of a suspicious car, Trooper Seabolt and a Randolph County Deputy were searching the water with their flashlights when they heard a faint voice call for help. They found the driver of the vehicle in the water, clinging to a tree. Trooper Seabolt obtained a rescue rope and life vest from his patrol car and jumped into the icy-cold water. The driver was exhibiting signs of hypothermic shock, and Trooper Seabolt held onto the driver until fellow officers arrived and pulled them back to shore.



Trooper Joshua Church and Trooper David Peterson received the Secretary's Gold Circle Award and the Department's Commendation Award for assisting a lady in a Rural Hall restaurant who was choking and unable to breathe. Both troopers assisted the lady by administering the Heimlich maneuver.



Janie Deal was presented the Secretary's Gold Circle Award for developing a new employee orientation video which provides new employees with an interesting and informative presentation of the various functions of their new department and the work of their new colleagues.



Congratulations!



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

20 years

State Highway Patrol: **Billy Stewart, Sophia Wilkerson and Angela Jones.**



Comings and Goings



Welcome to our new employees:

Alcohol Law Enforcement: **Richard Hinson**

Governor's Crime Commission: **Marilyn Doster**

State Highway Patrol: **Glenwood Bradley, Royal Broyhill and Zachary Wynne**

Emergency Management: **William Robert**

Best wishes to our recent retirees:

State Highway Patrol: **Fletcher Clay, Raymond Nichols, Mickey Mantel, Rodney Eudy, Roger Smith, Robert Redwine, Karen Sain and Harold Meacombs**

CIVIL AIR PATROL'S CADET CAMP AT CHERRY POINT



Civil Air Patrol's 2008 NC Wing Summer Encampment was a mini training camp for 111 North Carolina cadets at Cherry Point Marine Base June 22-29.



During their seven days, cadets were exposed to military life, including drill ceremonies, customs and courtesies. They received classroom training on aerospace education and taught how the US Air Force controls the skies and the space over battlefields for the American military. The top ten cadets got an orientation flight on a UH 60 Blackhawk.

Cadets spent time on the obstacle courses, and they learned how to swim the length of a pool wearing full body gear – flak jacket, fatigues, a rough sack and a rubber M-16 – just like the Marines.

Other training included ordinance disposal and crash rescue training by the local fire department.

Cadets, who were selected through an application process, must attend at least one encampment to be a cadet member of the Civil Air Patrol. Some enjoy the experience, and return back four or five times and some even return as staff. Cadets have to be at least 12 to 18 years-old to apply.



Once enrolled, the cadets can stay in the program until the age of 21.



Andy Wiggs, deputy commander for the camp and chief of the administrative section of the Civil Air Patrol said the seven-day training session was outstanding. "Overall, we had good training, everyone had a good time, and

there were no injuries. Everyone went home in tact."

The Civil Air Patrol has approximately 650 trained cadets in the state.



Employee Spotlight



Charlotte native **Linda Cole** says there is always something to do at the District VIII office, Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement. She arrives at work every morning at 6:30 and stays until her husband picks her up at 5 p.m. ALE District Manager Richard Griffin calls her the mother of the district. “She keeps us all in line,” Griffin said.

In her job as administrative assistant, Cole does quite a bit of computer entry, including tobacco compliance check information that ALE agents submit to her. Recently, she helped Griffin with a new on-line ABC permitting application process that cuts out paper filing, sends applications to the agents faster and gets licensees their permits quicker.

“Our district was the lead,” Cole said. “Now it is being done all over the state. It’s tremendous time-saver and tool and it saves dozens of boxes of copy paper and gas.”

Cole came to the ALE district office with much trepidation. She had been working for the Civil Air Patrol office when it was headquartered in Charlotte and loved her job there. When the office moved to Burlington, she was offered the position at ALE. “I was crying,” Cole said. “I didn’t want to leave the Civil Air Patrol.”

Cole has been with the ALE district office for 22 years and quickly adapted to her ALE job. She calls the agent’s 17 children her grandbabies and says the office has a family atmosphere. “They’re all having babies, and I love that.”

When Cole graduated from West Mecklenburg High School in 1961, she married a fellow church member, Robert Cole, and they had one son, Darren. She worked as an airline reservationist with Eastern Airlines until it went out of business, then worked for Shulman Air Freight until it, too, went out of business. She stayed out of work for awhile raising her son before taking the job at the Civil Air Patrol in 1986.

Outside of work, Cole plays the piano at her church and sings at weddings and funerals. At her father’s funeral in 1999 and her mother’s funeral in January of this year, Cole sang *What A Friend* and *He Touched Me*.

“I just love to sing,” Cole said. “I had a wedding two weeks ago and I sang *Oh Perfect Love* and *Let It Be*.”

When Billy Graham, the famous Methodist evangelist, periodically held revivals in Charlotte, Cole would sing soprano in the choir. “I’ve just sung all my live. When I was four years-old, I was put on top of a piano and I just sang.”

“She’s a very dedicated ALE employee and loves the Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety,” Griffin said. “As we’ve tripled the number of agents over the years, Linda’s workload had tripled as well. She’s been very dedicated to her job and will probably end her career with CCPS.”

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