



# 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



Volunteering is a great way to help improve a community, especially during these economically difficult times when many non-profit agencies can use extra support. Inspired by the president's initiative, *United We Serve*, Gov. Bev Perdue is encouraging state employees to volunteer their time to help non-profit, non-partisan community organizations. Remember, state government allows employees up to 24 hours of community service leave each year.

The lists of agencies needing help are long. Just be sure that they are designated as an IRS Code 501(c)(3) agency, or a human service organization licensed or accredited to serve citizens with special needs including children, youth and the elderly.

Some examples of charitable organizations include child advocacy, disaster assistance, health organizations, veterans programs, crisis counseling, mentoring, tutoring, cleaning state parks and manning hotlines. Some of the major organizations include Hospice Care, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. There are plenty of local organizations as well. Any cause with the IRS designation would be a good one.

Getting into the spirit, I recently met four at-risk youths at the State Highway Patrol Training Center. They had a great day seeing the training track and helicopter, and I really enjoyed spending time with them. There is a lot to be said about the joys of volunteering. You can read more about the training center tour on the governor's Web site at:

<http://www.governor.state.nc.us/eTownhall/blog/default.aspx>

For information about the president's *United We Serve*, including finding a volunteer activity near your home, visit [www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov). I encourage all Crime Control and Public Safety employees to open your hearts to a fulfilling experience. Let's do our part to make our communities a better place to live.

*Reuben Young*

## **Congratulations!**

*The following employees were promoted:*



Emergency Management: **Elaine Wathen**

Governor's Crime Commission: **Gwendolyn Burrell**

State Highway Patrol: **Joseph Jones**

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

30 years

National Guard: **Jeffrey Young**

State Highway Patrol: Captain **Bruce Foggiano**

20 years

State Highway Patrol: Lt. **Billy Clayton** and Trooper **Denny Wood**



## **Comings and Goings**



*Welcome to our new employees:*

Alcohol Law Enforcement : **Clayton Detwiler, Shamiah Harvey, Jonathan Marley, Meredith Price, Caleb Waller, Ashley Weaver, Karl Wolf**

State Highway Patrol: **James Gray and Robert Beaver**

*Best wishes to our recent retirees:*

Emergency Management: **Charles R. "Tom" Collins and Rodger W. Durham**

State Highway Patrol: **Randall E. Campbell, Anthony J. Dickey, Norman K. Goering, Gregory D. Hayes, Jerry R. Johnson, Richard N. Stallings and Walter J. Wilson Jr.**

## ***Four N.C. Guardsmen die in explosion in Iraq***



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***Spc.  
Robert L. Bittiker***

***Sgt. Roger L.  
Adams Jr.***

Four North Carolina National Guardsmen were killed in Iraq June 29 when an improvised explosive device detonated near their humvee. They were driving on a Baghdad Street, the last day of regular combat patrols for U.S. troops.

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Edward C. Kramer of Wilmington, Sgt. Juan C. Baldeosingh of Newport, Spc. Robert L. Bittiker of Jacksonville and Sgt. Roger L. Adams Jr. of Jacksonville were part of the N.C. National Guard's 30<sup>th</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

"The North Carolina National Guard and the people of our state mourn with the families of these fine soldiers," said Major General William Ingram. "The Guard is a very close-knit organization, and the loss of these brave men will leave a lasting impact on us all."

Ingram said these deaths were the worst combat loss for the N. C. National Guard since World War II. Fifteen N.C. National Guard soldiers have been killed in action since Sept. 11, 2001.

Kramer, 39, was a former Marine who served in Operations Desert Shield and Storm. He was a Wilmington firefighter. Kramer is survived by a wife and two daughters.

Baldeosingh, 30, served in the Marines before joining the N.C. National Guard in June 2008. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Bittiker, 39, joined the National Guard in 1990. He served in Bosnia, Kuwait and Iraq. Bittiker is survived by his wife and two children.

Adams, 36, also a former Marine, joined the National Guard in 2006. He is survived by his wife and four children.



## ***Robynne McCrary Receives Commuter Challenger Award***

Robynne McCrary, FAS and parking coordinator for the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, received the Commute Challenger Award at the annual Go Triangle Commuter Awards ceremony on June 25.

Robynne was recognized because of her dedication to and promotion of this year's Smart Commute Challenge.

NBC 17 news anchor and cyclist Donald Jones highlighted her excellent work with the Smart Commute Challenge as a consummate professional going above and beyond by talking up the campaign to employees within her department and to employees in other departments.

Bennie Aiken, CCPS controller, said, "This award is a well deserved recognition of Robynne's passion and dedication to promote alternative commuting programs."



***Robynne McCrary*** (left) receives the Commute Challenger Award from ***Stephanie Loyka-Minker***, Employer Outreach Coordinator for Triangle Transit Authority.

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## **State Government GoPass State Employees Can Ride for Free**

Save gas and money. Ride Triangle Transit or Capital Area Transit routes for free using a GoPass. State government employees are eligible for the GoPass.



For first-time users of the GoPass or for renewals, contact the department's FAS and parking coordinator, Robynne McCrary, (919) 733-2193, extension 261.

## *Employee Spotlight*

The phone rings steadily for **Belinda Jones**, a community development specialist for North Carolina's Redevelopment Center under the Crisis Housing Assistance Fund Program.

"My phone calls are not short. There's always someone with an issue," Jones explained.

Jones works on the Carteret County Program, monitoring the five- and 10-year liens on homes that were repaired or replaced with state grants following Hurricane Floyd in 1999. More than 50 homes in Carteret County were elevated as a result of the flooding that followed Floyd.



***Belinda Jones***

Jones is responsible for ensuring that the 1999 Carteret County CHAF applicant's are tracked for compliance with the CHAF promissory note and deed of trust.

Some of the calls she may receive are complaints on poor workmanship. The more critical ones are about home foreclosure, bankruptcy, people wanting to sell their home, and others not being able to pay their taxes and insurance. She strives to help them resolve their issues amicably.

"The purpose of the state's funding is to help low income homeowners who are not eligible for other housing resources to recover from the storms, and we're trying to help them remain in their homes," said Jones, who in her efforts may direct home owners to the N. C. Housing Finance Home Protection Pilot Program, Attorney General Office's toll-free hotline for information on foreclosures or to Legal Aid of North Carolina.

Jones said it takes compassion when "you're face to face with an individual, listening to their plea for help. All of the people in this program are low to moderate income."

"Her job is so important now because in the current economy with foreclosures, bankruptcies and increased insurance costs, the homeowners in the CHAF program have been impacted in the same way other citizens have," Redevelopment Center Director Yolanda Abram said. "Belinda is very conscientious. She tries to help make things better; she does an excellent job identifying resources and counseling."

She makes sure those who are participating in the program maintain their flood and home owner's insurance, and she is vigilant about making sure the state loans are recaptured when there is a default that cannot be cured. Jones also recommends that elderly home owners who contact the Redevelopment Center with mortgage and other financial problems

pursue the option of a reverse mortgage. She counsels them that a reverse mortgage may not be the best option for everyone.

A native of Moore County, Jones graduated in 1972 from Union Pines High School. In her early years, she was active in 4-H, the Girl Scouts and her church. After graduation, she worked for Whisper Knit Manufacturing Company in Moore County for 20 years as a supervisor.

During her time at Whisper Knit, Jones was also running Jones Therapeutic Care, a group home for youth in crisis. The Department of Social Services placed children who were taken from a bad home situation with Jones. Jones kept them until they could return home, or until a guardian was named or until the child aged out.

When the company shut down, Jones took a year off and traveled, thinking that she would just retire. She got a call from one of her friends who said she had the perfect job for her. She submitted her application to FEMA and they called the same day to hire her to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd.

“It was a big transition to drive to Raleigh every day to work,” Jones said. “I worked with FEMA until they closed out, archiving their information for them.”

She returned to work In 2000, as a data processor and file administrator until the temporary housing program was closed. In 2003, Jones became the community development specialist for the Redevelopment Center.

Jones said she enjoys her job. “When I leave in the afternoon, I want to leave everything complete.” Her philosophy is every morning before planting her feet on the floor to have a goal for the day.

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