



# 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



Having served as your Secretary for the past two and a half years, I have seen time and again the hard work and dedication of our employees. Sometimes you may feel like your efforts go unseen or unknown, but I want to reassure you that they are indeed noticed and appreciated.

Gov. Bev Perdue paid a surprise visit in June to the Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement full staff meeting in Raleigh. It was the agency's first such meeting in more than two years and program topics included the budget, the latest legislative session and policy issues.

The governor updated ALE agents and support staff on her administration's efforts to protect education, state employees and our citizens. It was a difficult budget year and tough decisions had to be made, but the cuts that the legislature made were too drastic and hurt many worthwhile programs.

Gov. Perdue let ALE employees know that they continue to perform admirably and provide valuable services to taxpayers. Public safety is a priority for her administration.

She gave extra praise to the 70 agents who provided coverage in the aftermath of the devastating April tornadoes. Sheriff's departments in Bertie and Lee counties specifically requested ALE to secure storm-damaged areas and respond to service calls. Agents worked three weeks fulfilling those tasks and providing a valuable service to these communities.





The governor recognized Assistant Director Allen Page for his outstanding efforts and for being presented both the Secretary's Gold Circle Award and ALE's Meritorious Service Award. She also thanked Director John Ledford for his leadership and efforts. *(Photo: Left to right are Secretary Young, Assistant Director John Ledford, Gov. Bev Perdue, Allen Page and Brenda Page.)*

It's not every day that your state's chief executive pats you on the back and says job well done. That says a lot about the caliber and talent of ALE and its employees. Good job and keep up the good work!

*Reuben Young*



## **The Secretary's Gold Circle Award**

### **State Capitol Police**

Sgt. Ronald McCoy of the State Capitol Police was commended July 12 for his efforts in reviving a heart attack victim on May 22 between the Archdale and Dobbs buildings.

CCPS Chief Deputy Secretary Gerald A. Rudisill presented McCoy with the Public Safety Commendation Award for his heroism, and the Secretary's Gold Circle Award.



While on routine patrol, Sgt. McCoy heard a call for help and ran to the scene where he found a state employee lying face down and unresponsive. He checked the victim's vital signs and administered CPR. The victim took a breath, regained a pulse and began breathing on his own. The man was able to sit up and communicate his condition to Emergency Medical Services personnel as he was prepared for transport to a medical facility. Despite the efforts of many first responders and EMS personnel the man stopped breathing again and unfortunately passed away a short time later.



## Congratulations!

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

### 30 years

State Highway Patrol: **Jerry Livengood** and **Randy Knight**

### 25 years

N.C. National Guard: **Kenneth Sanders**

### 20 years

Butner Public Safety: **Michael Crews**

State Highway Patrol: **Brian Allen, Clinton Butler, Richard Britt** and **William Woodburn**



## Comings and Goings



*Welcome to our new employees:*

Administration: **Joseph Queen**

Butner Public Safety: **Charles Minks** and **Matthew Welch**

N.C. National Guard: **Johnnie Riggan**

State Highway Patrol: **Arnold Samuel**

*Best wishes to our recent retirees:*

Alcohol Law Enforcement: **Genny Beville**

Butner Public Safety: **Michael Beal**

State Highway Patrol: **Duane Banks, Debra Clapp, Bruce Foggiano, Wilbur**

**Goodwin, Jeffrey Jarrett, Erwin Montgomery, Kenneth Pitts** and **Joseph Register**

## Other recognition



In July, Col. Michael Gilchrist presented the Colonel's Certificate of Appreciation to Senior Deputy Attorney General Robert T. Hargett, for his ongoing support to the Highway Patrol. Hargett served as the special deputy attorney general in charge of the Tort Claims Section of the Attorney General's Office for 10 years. The Colonel recognized Hargett for his individual commitment to excellence and for the overall professionalism and dedication demonstrated by the Tort Claims Section while representing the interests of the Highway Patrol.

## *Credit Card Counterfeiters in Jail thanks to SHP Trooper J.A. Tucker*

N.C. State Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Tucker was traveling east on U.S. 70 towards Morehead City on July 11 when he spotted a white Ford SUV change lanes and almost collide with another vehicle. As he was attempting to overtake the vehicle, Williamston communications reported a complaint on a reckless driver with similar description. Trooper Tucker stopped the SUV and noticed that it was a rental vehicle and that there were seven or eight cell phones within the passenger's reach.

In checking the rental agreement, the person who rented the vehicle was not there and no other drivers were listed on the agreement, creating suspicion. Two other troopers, Roger Pittman and Jeff Howell, arrived as back up. They spoke to the driver and the passenger independently and their stories did not match.



The driver gave Tucker consent to search the vehicle. The trooper found 14 iPads in their original packaging, numerous credit cards and checks with different names, gift cards and \$1,500 in cash. Suspecting credit card fraud, Tucker took the two suspects to the Highway Patrol office a half mile away. There, he called the Carteret County Sheriff's Department to investigate the case.

The Brooklyn, N.Y. driver and her passenger have each been charged with 68 counts of credit card fraud and were placed on \$250,000 bond. The next day, the judge increased the bond to \$750,00 on the female driver and \$1 million on the male passenger. The two are allegedly part of a credit card scam ring traveling down the east coast of the United States and wanted in seven or eight other states. Tucker said that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has assigned two agents to the case.

Allegedly, the fraud was carried out by using stolen credit card account numbers and embedding the valid numbers into the magnetic strip of a fake credit card. The counterfeit cards were used to pay for the iPads and gift cards.

Col. Michael Gilchrist said, "Our employees work hard everyday for the citizens of our great state. It is not often that we hear of the many good things that our people are doing on a daily basis. On July 11, Trooper Tucker stepped up and exceeded the normal call of duty during this traffic stop. The excellent service and dedication demonstrated by Trooper Tucker is a reflection of the caliber of employees that we have in the Highway Patrol."



# WARNING: Graphic Material

– By Kathy Mason, CCPS Graphic Designer

## Re-cap from last month:

We discussed two of the four basic file formats, **TIFF** and **EPS**. These formats are high-quality files commonly used for commercial printing. TIFF is for photos and EPS is for line drawings. Now, let's talk about color...

## Let's Get Colorful!

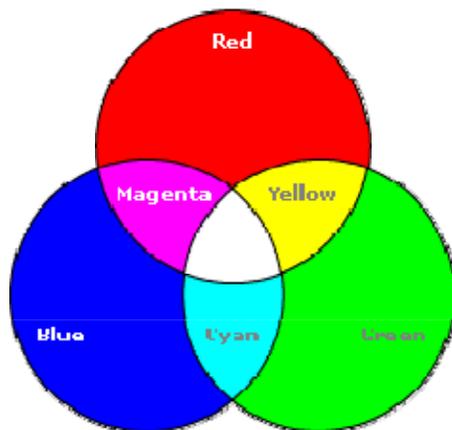
### Two Kinds of Color

The two most common types of color in desktop publishing are RGB (Red-Green-Blue) for computer displays and CMYK (Cyan-Magenta-Yellow-black) for printing.

#### RGB Color

For computer displays  
Uses light to display color

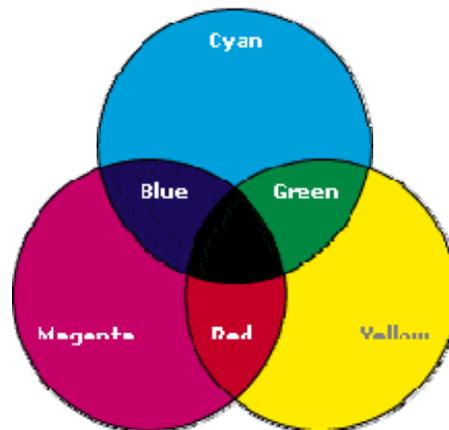
**Red+Green+Blue=White**



#### CMYK Color

For printed material  
Uses ink to display color

**Cyan+Magenta+Yellow=Black**



Notice the centers of the two color charts. In the RGB chart, the three primary colors of light come together to produce white. In the CMYK chart, the three primary colors of ink come together to produce black.

### RGB Color

The RGB color model uses the primary colors of red, green and blue. When red, green and blue light is combined it forms white. If you look at your computer monitor through a magnifying glass, you'll see the red, green and blue pixels, even in the white areas.

On a computer screen or on a television screen, all of the colors of the rainbow can be reproduced by combining pixels of just three primary colors of light. Magic! In reverse, that's why you can separate white light with a prism into many different colors.

### **NEXT COLUMN: CMYK Color**

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## ***GCC Executive Director Burrell meets with U.S. Ambassador***



*From left - Fay Lassiter, assistant chief for Program Services, N.C. Division of Prisons; Troy Clark, director of The National L.E.A.D. Institute; U.S. Ambassador Nicole A. Avant; Gwendolyn Burrell and Rebecca Sauter, co-founder/director, Project Reentry, Criminal Justice Department of the Piedmont Council.*

U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas, Nicole A. Avant, met with Gwendolyn Burrell, executive director of the Governor's Crime Commission, and others following a recent Project Re-entry Conference held in Nassau, July 13-15.

The government of Nassau is planning on implementing a comprehensive pre-release rehabilitation, conflict management and job readiness program for inmates within Her Majesty's Prison, using the North Carolina program as a model.

During the courtesy visit, Ambassador Avant congratulated The National L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Esteem, Ability, Discipline) Institute for its ongoing efforts to reach at-risk young males and pledged her continued support in this critical area.

GCC funded project Re-entry, an initiative of the Northwest Piedmont Council of Government in Winston-Salem. Burrell's role at the conference was to discuss why GCC and state government have placed re-entry as a priority for funding and the benefits to society in terms of public safety, creating productive citizens and strengthening families.

The U.S. Embassy was one of several sponsors of the three-day conference.

# Employee Spotlight



Sgt. Jorge Brewer is the State Highway Patrol's Hispanic liaison, keeping Latino Americans abreast of the latest traffic laws, helping Hispanic families on missing persons or AMBER Alert cases and working with Motor Carrier Enforcement on truck driving violations. He also serves as a public information officer and deals with the media including Hispanic outlets.

Brewer's roots are in Puerto Rico: born in the city of Mayagüez on the west coast and growing up in Rio Grande on the east coast of the island. Living 10 minutes from the beach, Brewer spent his early years boogie boarding on the big waves along the tropical beaches. In the back yard were mango, guava and avocado trees. His father worked in internal affairs for the Puerto Rico Department of Corrections and his mother was a school teacher. The young Brewer played varsity volleyball in high school. When he graduated from Casiano Cepeda High School in 1983, he joined the U.S. Army.

Brewer was a paratrooper during his six years in the Army and was stationed three years at Nuremberg Army Base in Germany and three years at Ft. Bragg. When he left the military, Brewer worked as a correctional officer at Harnett Correctional Center in Lillington for a year. He joined the Raleigh Police Department in 1992 and was an officer for three years before joining the State Highway Patrol. He's had three duty stations during that time, Durham, Nash and Raleigh.

Brewer joined the U.S. Air Force Reserve, 77th Air Refueling Squadron, in 1999, serving overseas for four months at a time every year but one. His job is boom operator on a tanker aircraft called a KC-135R Stratotanker.

"We refuel the aircraft on the way to or from their target or destination," Brewer said. "This year, I refueled the plane carrying Secretary of Defense Alan Gates who was visiting troops in Afghanistan and was on his way to Germany."

Brewer, whose job is to establish an orbit along a pre-planned track, guide the boom to the receiver aircraft and start the gas flow, said going on missions is exhilarating.

"You're definitely contributing to the fight against terrorism," Brewer said. "I'm giving fuel to the guy who is on his way to pound the Taliban."



*Brewer at the boom.*



*Brewer's view of refueling F-22*

Brewer explained that a jet with bombs weighs too much to take off unless they start with half a tank of gas. Once they are in the air, the jets can be refueled and leave for their mission, returning for a fill-up enroute back.

In 2010, Brewer was awarded the prestigious Air Medal for flying 36 combat missions over Iraq and Afghanistan. The decoration was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1942 to recognize soldiers who have performed 20 or more combat sorties into enemy territory.

Brewer spent one deployment in the desert, working from an air base in Qatar, United Arab Emirates. Normally he is stationed out of Incirlik Air Base in Turkey.

"Turkey is a very European Country, Muslim by ethnicity," Brewer said. When not refueling jet planes, Brewer has visited historical sites in Adana, Turkey's fourth largest city which is six miles from the base and on the Mediterranean Sea. He said he normally hangs out at the base just in case an alert is pulled and he is needed.

"This is not like other plush locations," Brewer said of Incirlik. "It's all about the mission."

Brewer was in Turkey this past spring and the week he returned, he and his fiancé, Kathy, drove to Charleston, S.C., and held their wedding ceremony aboard a schooner ship. Kathy is an administrative assistant for the Division of Emergency Management. Following the wedding, Jorge moved from Nash County to their new home in Raleigh.

Brewer, a member of the 95th Patrol School, earned his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate in 2004. He said the Highway Patrol has been a great place to work. "It has afforded me a lot of training and opportunities."

His supervisor, First Sgt Jeff Gordon, said, "Sgt. Brewer is a valuable asset to the citizens of North Carolina and more importantly to the United States due to his commitment and dedication to serve our country in times of peril abroad. As a public information officer and the Hispanic liaison for the Patrol, he has dedicated his time and efforts by providing vital information in a timely and impartial manner to both the public and media. He possesses the traits and qualities that we strive to instill in all our employees and I am glad to have him not only as a colleague but also as a friend."

When not spending time with his family, Brewer likes to play electronic drums and he collects action figures.

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