



The CCPS All-Points Bulletin

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A Message from the Secretary

Mother Nature isn't wasting any time getting started with the tropical weather systems this year. We're only one month into the six month long hurricane season, and already we've had a named storm. Arlene didn't cause any serious damage when it came ashore on the Gulf Coast, but it still dumped heavy rain in western North Carolina and caused some minor flooding. That's just another reminder that we all need to be ready for hurricanes from now through the end of November. Forecasters say the 2005 season will be just as active as last year when North Carolina had damage from the Outer Banks to the Piedmont and throughout the mountains. No area of the state is immune; therefore everyone needs to be prepared. If you need more information, go to our web page at www.nccrimecontrol.org/hurricanes. Thank you.

Bryan E. Beatty

Please Help N.C. National Guard Families

The soldiers and airmen of our National Guard need your help. Last year, the General Assembly approved the sale of the "In God We Trust" specialized license plate to benefit the North Carolina National Guard Soldiers and Airmen Assistance Fund. But the Guard needs a minimum of 300 applications for the plates before the Division of Motor Vehicles will issue them. Once these plates are seen by the public, people will want to support the Guard families, but we have to get over that 300 mark first. Please consider applying for one of these plates. You have to pay for a license plate every year anyway; why not add a few dollars more to help a National Guard family whose loved one is fighting overseas? For each plate sold, the NCSAAF fund will receive \$20.00, which will help those families who are in a financial bind while their loved ones are away from home. For more information, email or call Bob Suber at robert.suber@nc.ngb.army.mil or 919-664-6294, or go to www.nc.ngb.army.mil/NCSAAF.asp to download an application form. Thank you.



CCPS Helps 2004 Hurricane Victims Recover

"Operation Brighter Day," the state's hurricane recovery program coordinated by CCPS and Emergency Management, is helping victims of the 2004 hurricanes and tropical storms get their lives back to normal. The state recovery program, funded by a \$247 million appropriation from the General Assembly, is designed to fill the void not covered by insurance and federal disaster programs. As the application deadline neared in mid-June, more than 4,500 people in the 50 disaster declared counties had applied for housing aid, private access road and bridge repair, and agricultural assistance. For more information on the programs, go to www.operationbrighterday.org.

Comings and Goings

Welcome to our new employees: **Constance McCrimmon** and **Glenn Wisbey**, EM; **Walter Penley**, NCNG; **Judy Adams-Rhodes**, **Brenda Brown**, **Valerie Clontz**, **Alberta Freeman**, **Kimberly Fultz**, **Larissa Pressley**, and **Abdul-Salaam Rashad**, SHP.

Good luck to our recent retirees: **Val Nagle**, OE; **Leon Gosnell**, NCNG; **Sgt. L.G. Cox, Jr.**, SHP.

Congratulations!

Department awards were presented on June 24th to the following employees:

Sgt. **J.D. Aiken** and Trp. **R.B. Britt** - CCPS Meritorious Service Award and Highway Patrol Samaritan Award
Trp. **D.J. Cianfarra** and Trp. **M.A. Tribula** - Highway Patrol Award of Valor
Sgt. **W.B. Thaxton** and Trp. **R.G. Ezzell** - Highway Patrol Samaritan Award
Jerry L. Massey - State Employee Incentive Bonus Program Certificate of Recognition

The following SHP employees were recently promoted to these new duties: **Brian Caulder** to Telecommunicator Shift Supervisor, **Len Hopkins** to Mechanic Supervisor I, and **Wilbur Goodwin, Jr.** to Computer System Administrator I.

These employees recently celebrated 25 years of service with the state: **Jimmy E. Anderson, Robert E. Backus, Timothy B. Brooks, David C. Broome, Lyndon K. Casey, Boris K. Garret, William D. Greene, Jesse M. La Smith, Stephen A. Mize, Stevenson L. Roten, Joel A. Siles, Richard E. Wade, Billy J. Walters, Herbert P. Weissinger, and Walter J. Wilson, Jr.**

From the Benefits and Safety Office

Beginning July 1, 2005, the State Health Plan will require prior authorization for the brand-name cholesterol-lowering drug Pravachol (pravastatin) and the proton pump inhibitor (PPI) drug Prevacid (lansoprazole). The State Health Plan encourages the use of less expensive drugs in these classes if they are clinically appropriate. Members are encouraged to discuss alternative medicines with their doctors. A coverage review will be required to determine if their specific circumstances meet the coverage conditions of the Plan. To request a coverage review, the doctor will need to provide additional information by calling toll-free 1 800 753-2851, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. Letters concerning this matter were sent to all members currently using Pravachol and Prevacid in May. Questions may be directed to Medco Customer Service at 1-800-336-5933.

Keep Your July 4th Celebration Safe!

The Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Council on Fireworks Safety offer the following safety tips for your July 4th holiday party:

- ☆ Always read and follow label directions.
- ☆ Use outdoors only.
- ☆ Have an adult present.
- ☆ Never give fireworks to small children.
- ☆ Buy only from reliable sellers.
- ☆ Light only one firework at a time.
- ☆ Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
- ☆ Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- ☆ Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- ☆ If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- ☆ Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water before you put them in your trashcan.
- ☆ Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- ☆ Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- ☆ Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- ☆ The shooter should always wear eye protection and never lean or reach over the firework.
- ☆ Stay away from illegal explosives.

