



# 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



One of the worst economies in decades is touching each of us in many ways. With the support of our friends, families and co-workers, we can all see these times through. Like the old saying, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." That's the spirit I see in the employees of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

Governor Bev Perdue is using funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to ensure the state is aggressively pursuing important criminal justice policy initiatives such as VIPER equipment purchases and gang prevention programs; funding for new law enforcement positions, victim compensation claims, leadership development training for the State Highway Patrol and the National

Guard's Kids on Guard Program. In addition, Gov. Perdue's budget recommends restoring the popular Tarheel Challenge Academy for high school dropouts.

Our department plays a key role in administering these and other funds, mostly through the Governor's Crime Commission. GCC couldn't do this work without the support of the department's fiscal staff, IT staff and the agencies receiving the funding. All of us working together can know that our efforts are making a difference. Our piece in the recovery puzzle will go a long way towards improving this state's economy and our own financial stability. Thank you for going the extra mile during these challenging times.

*Reuben F. Young*

## Secretary's Awards

Secretary Reuben Young presented Distinguished Service awards to Governor's Crime Commission Chair **Linda Hayes** and Executive Director **David Jones** at the March 5 GCC meeting.

Secretary Young thanked Jones for his more than 33 years of devotion to duty while working at the Governor's Crime Commission, including his 10 years as executive director. He also commended Jones for his leadership in criminal justice policy innovations throughout his tenure.



Secretary Young thanked Hayes for her 15 years as chair of the Governor's Crime Commission, and for her exemplary volunteer leadership in criminal justice policy innovation. Hayes is now the secretary for the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and Jones is the deputy secretary.



## **Congratulations!**



*The following employee was promoted:*

Highway Patrol: **Danny Tillotson**

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

30 years

Highway Patrol: **Harold Abernethy**

25 years

Administration: **Janet Sauls**

20 years

Emergency Management: **Joyce Holley**

Highway Patrol: **Charles Taylor**



## **Comings and Goings**



*Welcome to our new employees:*

Butner Public Safety: **Everett Mead**

N.C. National Guard: **Floyd Barefoot**

Public Affairs: **Ernie Seneca**

Highway Patrol: **Bradley Emory, Joseph Lawrence and Johnnie McLamb**

*Best wishes to our recent retirees:*

Highway Patrol: **Robert Graves, Richard Grubb, Ricky Mosley and Laverne Williams**

## ***Crime Control and Public Safety Wins Prestigious International Award***



*Second from the right: **Rhonda Raney**, assistant secretary for CCPS  
Far right: **Greg Jones**, IT chief technology officer for CCPS.*

For a relatively small agency such as the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to get a prestigious international award from global giant Microsoft was a cause for much celebration recently.

**Rhonda Raney**, assistant secretary for CCPS and **Greg Jones**, IT chief technology officer for CCPS, accepted Microsoft's Public Service Industry Leadership award on March 10.

The ALE Case Relationship Management System, the winning Microsoft Program, now gives ALE agents access to needed forms, documents and updated records anywhere without having to make multiple, time-consuming trips back to the office.

"It was a celebration for us," Raney said. "The award made us very proud for our IT team and the ALE team. The program itself was an analytical process, with all the groundwork done in advance. Their scopes were well defined and logical."

## ***National Women's Health Magazine Interviews N.C. Emergency Management's Todd Brown on Search and Rescue and Wilderness Operations***

A reporter for *Women's Health Magazine* needed an expert on wilderness search and rescue for her story on survival tips. Through Google, she found N.C. Emergency Management's **Todd Brown**. He's the state search and rescue coordinator and the advanced search and rescue program manager for the

National Association for Search and Rescue.

The following is an excerpt from the survival article printed in the magazine:



### ***Lost in the Wilderness***

The most important step in any trail trek?

Telling someone where you're going and when you'll be back. Most hikers are found within eight hours of being reported missing, says Todd Brown, coordinator of the North Carolina Search and Rescue. And always pack matches and a garbage bag.

1. Inside a clearing, spell out "SOS" with branches or rocks, or hang something colorful, like a sports bra, hat, or bandana, from a tree.
2. Build a fire in a spot that won't set nearby trees ablaze. Use your matches and any paper you may have, and add anything green; leaves produce a thick white smoke that attracts attention.
3. Take shelter under overhanging rocks or in caves or tree wells. There are more hypothermia cases in summer than winter because people don't prepare for plunging nighttime temperatures.
4. Keep warm by making a three-inch hole in the bottom of your garbage bag and pulling it over your head (it will stretch but stay small enough to keep cool air out).
5. If you have to spend the night in the mountains, move to halfway up the peak. You'll be above the cold air that settles in the valley and below the ridgeline, where the wind is considerably worse.

# Shout Out!!

By Terri Butler  
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Let's hear it for CCPS employees!

The Office of State Personnel has created **Shout Out!** It's a new recognition program to let North Carolina's leaders know the great things that state employees are doing at work and in our communities.

All too often we think that no news is good news, and we only hear about the *not-so-good* news. So, let's **Shout Out!** and hear, loud and clear, about the contributions and noteworthy accomplishments of our employees.

Please send your **Shout Outs!** to Terri Butler at [trbutler@nccrimecontrol.org](mailto:trbutler@nccrimecontrol.org).

## Required Information:

- Name of person to whom you are giving a Shout Out.
- Address
- Division
- E-mail address
- Summary of contribution/accomplishment
- Date (if applicable)



## *Spring 2009 CCPS logo clothing*



Tuesday, April 14, is the deadline to order 2009 CCPS spring logo clothing.

You can order short-sleeved men's or women's polos, T-shirts, denim shirts, baseball caps, trucker's caps and microfiber jackets. A variety of colors are available.

For an order form, go to the employee's page of the CCPS website, then click on Employee Logo Apparel, or copy and paste this URL:  
<http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/Index2.cfm?a=000002,001839>

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## Employee Spotlight



**Donald Wunningham** travels the state in a 40-foot box truck, delivering office supplies, citations, uniforms, radio and auto parts to each of the eight Highway Patrol troop offices.

“All in all, I enjoy my job,” Wunningham said. “It’s a lot of strenuous work, but I like to be outside; I don’t like to be confined.”

On each trip, Wunningham’s truck is full. “I handle every piece of material on the truck, and take it off myself,” Wunningham explained. “I’m more like a distributor to

everyone in the State Highway Patrol. They look for that truck on delivery day.”

Born in Lumberton, Wunningham grew up in the small town of Orrum in Robeson County. He was the oldest of five siblings. “I came from a very poor family, growing up in the time of segregation. I came from a home with no running water until 1973. We heated by wood, cooked by wood. We had to chop wood to stay warm and feed ourselves.”

Wunningham spent his early years priming tobacco for \$4 a day and picking cotton and cucumbers. After graduating from Orrum High School in 1973, he began working in the Lumberton textile mill, WestPoint Pepperell. He worked for five years in their processing department inspecting cloth for defects.

Wunningham next went to work for Elkay, a company that makes stainless steel sinks. He was the lead man in their packing department.

“That’s when I met my beautiful wife, Cynthia,” Wunningham said with a smile. He met her through her aunt and they were married in 1984. A year later, she accepted a job with the Department of Transportation and they moved to Raleigh. Wunningham began working for the ABC warehouse in Garner as their lead man in the receiving department.

In 1996, Wunningham saw a posting for a stock clerk with the Highway Patrol and decided to apply. “I’ve been here ever since,” Wunningham said.

Asked if in his travels across the state he had a favorite location, Wunningham said it was Asheville, Troop G and Fayetteville, Troop B. “They have some good ol’ Southern hospitality out those ways,” Wunningham said.

In his spare time, Wunningham likes to work on old cars and spend time with his seven grandchildren. He and his wife, Cynthia, have five children, now all grown: LaToya, Montreal, Christopher, LaMar and Tiffany.

“Family is the most important thing in my life,” Winningham said. “I was raised in the church, a real religious man. I’ve come a long way.”

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