



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

Hurricane season is upon us once again, and if you haven't already prepared an emergency plan and an emergency preparedness kit for you and your family, I urge you to do so now.

Review your emergency plan with your family so each of you will know what to do if a tropical storm knocks out power or you become separated from other family members. Update any food products or batteries that you placed in last year's kit. CCPS employees should take the lead in being prepared, and please encourage your friends to do the same.

Go to www.readync.org for more detailed information on family preparedness and hurricanes.



Bryan Beatty

The Secretary's Gold Circle Award



In May, three troopers received the Secretary's Gold Circle Award for grateful appreciation for their service to the citizens of North Carolina.

In January, **Trooper Jack L. Thorpe** rendered CPR to an unconscious driver in Clayton who was not breathing. He continued to assist the woman until emergency medical services arrived.

In February, Trooper **Joshua Dowdle** responded to a call for assistance from a woman with an unresponsive infant. Trooper **Richard Lancaster** arrived on the scene and immediately began rescue breathing until EMS arrived.

In a separate incident, Trooper **Lancaster** was assisting another trooper on a vehicle stop in January when he noticed a man slumped over in the back seat of the vehicle. Trooper Lancaster began life saving actions on the unresponsive man until EMS arrived.

Congratulations!



NC State University's Department of Public Administration honored Alcohol Law Enforcement Director **Bill Chandler** May 10 for outstanding achievement.

The following employees were promoted:

Emergency Management: **Eric Kaiser**, Accountant I; **Andrew Innis**, Supervisor.
State Highway Patrol: Captain **Donald Slaughter**, Lieutenant **Karen Ward**; First Sergeants **Alfred Morris**, **William Evans** and **James Barrett**; Sergeants **Mitchell Haunn**, **Michael Henley**, **Chad Parks**, **Michael McLamb**, **Darrell Cavanaugh**, **Garrett Barger** and **Horace Smith**; Master Trooper **Jacob Rogers**; Supervisor **Connie Gartin**.

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

25 years:

Alcohol Law Enforcement: **Christopher Watkins**
Butner Public Safety: **Scott Strickland**
Emergency Management: **Sharon Pigott**
NC National Guard: **James McCathorine**

20 years:

State Highway Patrol: **Steven Evans**, **Angela Mills**, **Robin Signal**
NC National Guard: **Roland Myrick**



Comings and Goings



Welcome to our new employees:

Administration: **LaVonda Fowler**
Emergency Management: **Paulette Erwin**, **Corey Johnson**
State Highway Patrol: **Kathryn Creech**, **Ryan Moorefield**, **Becky Williams** and **Leslie Manning**.

Best wishes to our recent retirees:

State Highway Patrol: Lieutenant Colonel **C. E. Lockley**, Supervisor **George M. Rimmer**, Trooper **B. C. Wright**, and Office Assistant **Vicky G. Smith**

In Memory: **David Warren** (SHP)

Employee Spotlight

Liddie Shropshire spends much of her time on the phone talking to district attorneys, law enforcement officers and victims of crime. She is an investigator for the Victims Compensation Services division.

For the past eight years she has been assisting innocent victims of crime who have suffered injury as a result of a crime.

In her investigatory work, Shropshire checks to be sure she is working with a victim who is truly innocent and that there are no circumstances that would be considered criminal activity or contributing to criminal activity on the victim's part.

Once she finishes her investigation, claims of \$7,500 or less are sent to the director of the Victim's Compensation Division, Janice Carmichael, who decides whether or not to approve the claim. If the claim is more than \$7,500, the claim is sent to the Victim's Compensation Commission which meets quarterly.

"This job is something else," Shropshire said. "The circumstances that happen to people are pretty heartbreaking."

Shropshire cited a home invasion case where a little girl ran to her father for protection, and in trying to protect her, he was shot and killed.

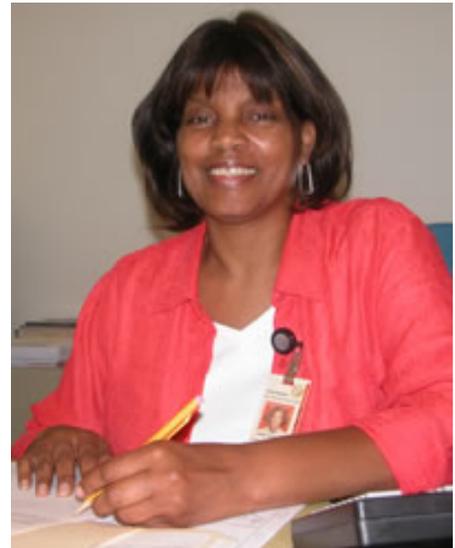
"Sometimes, following the interviews, I have to walk outside and recollect," Shropshire said.

"The statutes are my bible," Shropshire added. "Having guidelines keeps me centered. The statutes are the guide you go by to make appropriate recommendations, and that helps."

Shropshire said her goal is to handle 100 cases a month. She said the numbers fluctuate, but Victim's Comp does a good job of maintaining consistent flow. Some cases have to be put on hold while the law enforcement officers complete their investigation.

"Liddie has always performed with a high degree of competency and professionalism," said Carmichael. "Her knowledge and understanding of the Victims Compensation Division is extensive and invaluable."

Shropshire was born and reared in Akron, Ohio. She worked for a credit reporting agency in Akron as a reporting manager. She attended the University of Akron, but graduated in Sociology from SC State University in 1994. She worked in Orangeburg,



SC as a student assistant with the Center for Adult and Continuing Education at SC State University.

Moving to Raleigh in 1995, Shropshire took a job as an assistant to the custody and operations superintendent at the NC Correctional Institution for Women. Part of her duties included being a disciplinary hearing recorder. She said the prison was not a happy place and she wanted to get out of the gate. When Carmichael hired her as a rape victim's assistant coordinator working with the sexually assaulted, care providers, and sexual assault nurse examiners, Shropshire was grateful for the opportunity to assist the citizens of North Carolina. She worked hard, according to Carmichael, and was promoted to her current job in 2002.

After work, Shropshire's time is spent with her two sons, nine-year-old Marquease and seven-year-old Marcel. Whether it's helping with homework or going on adventures to museums or parks, her greatest joy is her children. "I'm understanding parenthood now."

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