



The CCPS All-Points Bulletin

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A Message from the Secretary

As we enter the holiday season, let us be thankful that North Carolina was not hit with a major hurricane during the most intense hurricane season on record. The lessons learned from Katrina, Rita and Wilma are many, but a key lesson is that the extent of your own family's preparedness will make a difference in your ability to survive a natural disaster and have some level of comfort until life returns to normal. With the winter weather season here, citizens in our state need to be ready for the snow and/or ice storms that we know are coming. Gov. Easley has declared December 4-11 as Winter Weather Awareness Week to encourage everyone to get ready for the winter storm season. Since the rest of the state will be depending on us for help, our employees need to be extra sure our families will be okay so we can go to work. If you need tips, go to our webpage at www.nccrimecontrol.org/severeweather.

I hope the holiday season will be a safe and joyous one for you and your families. The entire staff of the Secretary's Office wishes you happy holidays!

Bryan E. Beatty

From the Fiscal Controller's Office



The Payroll Office asks us to remind you that your paycheck will be in the bank a little early in December so you can finish that Christmas shopping! Payday is December 20th.

Congratulations!

Several divisions have promoted employees recently. Congrats to these hard working individuals! ***Emergency Management:*** **Darlene Johnson** to State Emergency Operations Center Branch Manager; **Paul Latham** to Support Services Supervisor; and **John Yarboro** to State Homeland Security Strategic Planner. ***Victims Compensation Services:*** **Antonnette Douglas** and **Mary Farrar** to Investigators. ***State Highway Patrol:*** from Lieutenant to Captain: **P.M. Jones**; from First Sergeant to Lieutenant: **D.L. Allen, B.T. Clayton II, J.S. Hardison Jr., D.S. Howell, C.T. Phillips, D.R. McCoy, J.W. McNeill, J.A. Melvin, and A.W. Wilson**; from Sergeant to First Sergeant: **S.G. Finney, B.K. Garrett, T.L. Greene, J.D. Henderson, M.A. Ivey, K.D. Kubas, S.C. Lockhart, K.D. Martin, C.L. McMahan, and S.L. Pirilla**; from Trooper or Officer to Sergeant: **E.L. Coleman, J.D. Gordon, R.K. Hinnant, M.A. Marshburn, S.S. Manuel, B.W. Overton, T.W. Peterson, T.W. Pope, R.S. Powell, M.W. Rogers, J.L. Sadler, J.C. Silver, R.C. Thaxton, W.P. Wheeler, Jr., and E.J. Worley**.

The following employees reached significant service milestones recently in their state government careers: 25 years – **Terry Barbour, Tom Collins, and Aaron Williams III**.

SECC: There's Still Time to Give!

The final deadline for the 2005 State Employees Combined Campaign is December 15th. Remember, you can make SECC charitable donations by payroll deduction, spread the payments over a year, and be guaranteed that administrative costs are kept to a minimum so the majority of your donation goes directly to the charity's work.



Comings and Goings

Welcome to our new employees: **Teresa Vines**, Secretary's Office; **Terri Butler**, Organizational Effectiveness; **Christopher Carawan**, ALE; **Royal Jacobs Jr.**, BPS; **Laurie Flowers** and **Mark McElroy**, EM; **John Shaw**, NG; **Jason Brawley**, **Kathy Ennis**, **Donald Johnson**, **Gina Ligon**, **Amber Murph**, **Sherry Poplin**, **Derrell Ray Jr.**, and **Christian Woodard**, SHP.

Good luck and best wishes to our recent retirees: **Rita Whaley**, NG; Lt. **T.D. Hurley**, F/Sgt. **L.A. Parker**, Sgt. **C.I. Jones Jr.**, Trps. **M.D. Hammonds**, **A.S. McCord III**, **A.T. Seagle**, and PAV **Nancy Taylor**, SHP.

From the Benefits and Safety Office

Your CCPS Safety Office wants to make sure you stay safe this holiday season. Here are some reminders about Christmas tree and electrical safety for both the office and at home.

- * All live Christmas decorations (trees, wreaths, garland, etc.) used in public buildings MUST be treated with fire retardant. The Facility Management Division, Landscape Services will provide this service at a cost of \$5.00 per item. Please contact Ricky Terry at 919-733-0396 to schedule this service.
- * Place the tree away from heating vents that could cause the tree to dry out.
- * Cut off at least one inch of the bottom of the trunk to help the tree absorb water.
- * Place the tree in a sturdy stand with adequate (about 2 inches) water.
- * Check and maintain the water level on a daily basis. Remove the tree from the building when it gets dry and brittle.
- * Combustible artificial Christmas trees shall be labeled or otherwise identified or certified by the manufacturer as being "flame retardant" or "flame resistive." If documentation on your tree cannot be found, it may be displayed if no lights are hung on the tree.
- * Never place electrical lights on metal trees.
- * Always unplug Christmas lights before leaving the office.
- * Take down the tree soon after the holidays.
- * Use only listed (UL or FM) lights certified for indoor use.
- * Lights should be connected directly into a wall socket; no brown or white "zip" lines or "octopuses" should be used.
- * Check all lights for frayed wires, loose connections, or anything that would create a potential fire hazard.



Christmas Quotes

“I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.”

~Ebenezer Scrooge, “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens

“And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.”

~Dr. Seuss

“Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day.”

~Helen Steiner Rice