



The CCPS All-Points Bulletin

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A Message from the Secretary

North Carolinians have a lot to be grateful for this month. First, our state has not been hit by a hurricane such as Katrina or Rita. While Ophelia did her share of damage, the storm was far less destructive than it could have been. Our residents should also be thankful – even if they don't realize it – for the dedicated employees of this department who continuously step up to the challenge of keeping the public safe. Some of the news media seem to think that our preparations for Ophelia were a result of lessons learned from Katrina. On the contrary, our pre- and post-storm activities follow plans built on years of experience with hurricanes such as Hugo, Fran, Floyd, Isabel, Frances, Ivan and others. As the second most hurricane prone state in the nation, we know what to anticipate, which resources we will need, and how to help local communities implement their emergency plans. But plans are useless without the people to put them in place, and that is where you excel. Your important jobs become even more vital in times of emergency when the citizens depend on our department for guidance and help. Thank you for being willing to work the long hours away from your families, and for going the extra mile to ensure public safety. I'm proud to work with each of you and proud that CCPS is setting the standard for others to follow.

Bryan E. Beatty

Congratulations!

The following employees received Department Awards in September for their outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty.

- ☆ Officer **Tabitha Pittman**, Butner Public Safety – Commendation Award, Secretary's Gold Circle
- ☆ **Tim Miller**, Emergency Management, Western Branch Manager – Meritorious Service Award, Secretary's Gold Circle
- ☆ **Mike Guzo**, Emergency Management, State Search and Rescue Coordinator – Meritorious Service Award, Secretary's Gold Circle
- ☆ **Sherry McDonald**, National Guard, Executive Office Manager – Meritorious Service Award, Secretary's Gold Circle
- ☆ **John Meininger**, National Guard, Maintenance Mechanic – Meritorious Service Award, Secretary's Gold Circle
- ☆ Officer **Robert Bennett**, State Highway Patrol – Commendation Award, Secretary's Gold Circle
- ☆ Trooper **Christopher Grubbs**, State Highway Patrol – Commendation Award, Secretary's Gold Circle
- ☆ Trooper **Clifton Mangum**, State Highway Patrol – Commendation Award, Secretary's Gold Circle

Michael Sprayberry, EM's new deputy director, recently received the State of North Carolina Distinguished Civilian Service Award from the National Guard. The award was in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious service during the period of August 1, 1999, through July 10, 2005, while serving as the J3 Executive Officer, Joint Force Headquarters, N.C. National Guard.

The following employees were recently promoted to new positions in the Highway Patrol: **Timmy Pope** to Telecommunicator Center Supervisor and **Ronald Thornton** to Radio Engineer II.

These employees recently celebrated 30 years of service with the state: **David Jones**, **Norman Lytle Jr.** and **John Miller Jr.**

Comings and Goings

Welcome to our new employees: **Michele Licklitter**, BPS; **Richard Boettinger**, **Joseph Gerrell Sr.**, **Darla Hall**, **Thomas Langan**, **Phillip Myers**, and **Larry Pendry**, EM; **Karen Simon**, GCC; **Brandon Edwards** and **Joseph Mobley**, SHP, and the newly graduated members of the **113th Highway Patrol Basic School**.

Good luck and best wishes to our recent retirees: Capt. **T.S. Price**, Troopers **C.W. Ashley** and **R.D. Knight**, Officers **B.M. Randolph** and **S.F. Smith**, SHP.

From the Fiscal Controller's Office

Effective September 1, 2005, the Office of State Budget and Management changed the allowable mileage reimbursement rate for travel on official state business to be in line with the approved IRS business standard. The mileage rate increases from 40.5 cents per mile to 48.5 cents per mile if no state vehicle is available. Division of Motor Fleet Management policy states that employees who choose to use personal vehicles when a state-owned vehicle is available will continue to be reimbursed the 25 cents per mile rate.

Free Flu Shots for CCPS Employees and Covered Dependents

CCPS and the Department of Justice are teaming up to provide free **flu shots** for employees and their families. Twelve convenient locations across the state have been selected. The shots are being provided at **no cost** for State Health Plan members and their covered dependents over age nine. **Be sure to bring your health insurance card for proof of coverage.** Without your card, the shot will cost \$25.00.

To help in preparing for sufficient vaccine supply you must email the CCPS Wellness Coordinator, Sgt. I.O. Grady, at iogrady@ncshp.org, with the location of your choice and the number of dependents who will be attending. For those who do not have access to email please notify your supervisor of your location choice and number of dependents for them to forward the information to Sgt. Grady.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
November 1, 2005	Onslow Multi-Purpose Complex, Jacksonville	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 2, 2005	Martin Eastern Ag. Center, Williamston	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 3, 2005	Stoney Point Fire Dept., Fayetteville	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 7, 2005	NC Justice Academy Student Center, Salisbury	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 8, 2005	Old Education Building, Room G19, Raleigh	1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 9, 2005	SHP Training Academy, Classroom 2, Raleigh	1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 10, 2005	NCSHP Troop D HQ, Greensboro	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 14, 2005	NCSHP Troop H HQ, Monroe	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 15, 2005	Rowan County Rescue Squad, Salisbury	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 16, 2005	NCSHP Troop F HQ, Newton	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 17, 2005	Skyland Fire Dept., Skyland	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 18, 2005	NC Western Justice Academy, Edneyville	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

SECC Extension

The deadline for making charitable contributions through the 2005 State Employees Combined Campaign has been extended until November 11th and procedures have been added for those who wish to donate to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts through SECC. Here's what you can do:

- 1) Find the charity or charities you wish to contribute to in the SECC Resource Guide or at www.ncsecc.org and designate your choices on an SECC form.
- 2) On either an unused "designation" line at the bottom of the form or in the margin nearby, write in that the donation is for "Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief."

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.

Butner Public Safety Day – October 1

Come join the Butner community for the 6th Annual Butner Public Safety Day on Saturday, October 1, 2005. Displays and exhibits will be set up on Central Avenue at the Gazebo Park in Butner from 11:00 a-m until 2:00 p-m. Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks provided for all guests.

