



The CCPS All-Points Bulletin

September 2004

A Message from the Secretary

To say that the work done by employees of Crime Control & Public Safety has been extraordinary over the past two months is still not giving you enough credit. Alex, Bonnie, Charley, Gaston, Frances, Ivan and now Jeanne have been unwelcome visitors since the first of August. Only Florida has suffered more from the ravages of these storms. You have been tireless in your efforts to be prepared and to provide the leadership for the state in all areas of our emergency response activities. Governor Easley and other state officials look to CCPS to know what to do to protect our citizens and you have exceeded their expectations. Now that fall is here, the hurricane season will hopefully be winding down, and we can stop and reflect on the successes. While there was unfortunate loss of life in these storms, I have no doubt that the preparations we made saved lives many times over. When we finally get to stop and catch our breath, take some time to take pride in these accomplishments and to know that you have made a difference in the lives of your fellow North Carolinians. Thank you.

Bryan E. Beatty

Congratulations!

Tisha Patterson, Fiscal Office-Payroll, welcomed a new daughter on August 31. Kayla Ajanee Tobin weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. **Elaine Smith** of Fiscal has a new granddaughter too.

Betty Perry of GCC was the lucky winner of a 2004 Ford Ranger pickup truck at the State Employees Association convention in Greensboro on September 11.

The following SHP members were promoted effective September 1: Lieutenants **J.L. Babb, D.M. Schmolke, J.C. Ivarsson**, and **E.C. Maness**; First Sergeants **J.K. Stone, D.G. Hinson, D.H. Robinson, J.A. Mellone**, and **W.L. Taylor**; and Sergeants **B.L. Craft, M.E. Crawley, P.D. Edwards, D.B. Garland**, and **F.L. Johnson, Jr.**

The following employees have reached state government service milestones as of September 2004. Please congratulate these fellow CCPS employees on their achievements. 30 years: **Robin Baker** and **Karen Pleasants**; 25 years: **Richard B. Grubb, Cynthia M. Hieb**, and **Patty R. Petteway**.

Comings & Goings

Welcome to our new employees: **David Preston**, BPS; **Leon Snuggs II**, EM; and **Jessie Avent Jr., Lynette Banks, Mae Evans, John Fink, Braxton Overby Jr., Rebecca Penland, Jenine Ryan, Rebecca Smith, Elizabeth Thompson**, and **Raymond Young Jr.**, SHP.

Good luck to our recent retirees: **James Munn**, GCC; **Laura Gilmore**, NCNG; F/Sgt. **R.E. Medlin**, Trp. **W.T. Amburn, L.W. Bjorklund, H.C. Crouse III, L.W. Morrow**, and **W.P. Mosteller**, and VESII **D.B. Stamey**, SHP.

Disaster Relief Fund Seeks Donations

A relief fund has been established to accept monetary donations for the victims of the various hurricanes and tropical storms that have hit the state this year. The fund is managed by the Governor's Office in partnership with the United Way of North Carolina. There is no administrative cost associated with the fund, and 100 percent of the donated funds will go to the victims. Make checks payable to the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund and mail them to:

North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund
Office of the Governor
20312 Mail Service Center
Raleigh NC 27699-0312

From the Benefits and Safety Office

NC Flex Annual Enrollment: Annual Enrollment for the year 2005 State Flexible Benefits Program (NC Flex) is scheduled for October 11 through November 5. Enrollment/change materials will be, or have been, distributed to all eligible employees by their supervisors during the annual enrollment period. If you wish to enroll, cancel, or make changes to your present NC Flex coverage, you must complete and return your enrollment form to the CCPS Benefits and Safety Office by November 5, 2004. **Forms received after the cut-off date will not be accepted. Faxes will not be accepted at any time.**

Dental, vision, and accidental death and dismemberment enrollment is continual from one plan year to the next; therefore, no action is required if you do not want to change or cancel your present NC Flex benefit. Your payroll deduction will continue in January 2005 if no change/cancellation is requested.

If you wish to make changes to your year 2005 NC Flex benefits, you must do so during this annual enrollment period on the enrollment form provided in the back of the NC Flex booklet. Absent a family status change, this is the only time participants may change or cancel for 2005.

Additional information is just a click away on the NC Flex Website under the CCPS website, www.nccrimecontrol.org. Click on "Employees," then "Benefits and Safety." Please submit the enrollment/change forms to the Benefits and Safety Office as soon as completed to allow staff time to process and submit the enrollment forms to the vendors.

Butner Public Safety Day

Butner Public Safety invites everyone to the 5th Annual Butner Public Safety Day on Saturday, October 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the South Granville Exchange Club and takes place at the Gazebo Park on Central Avenue in Butner. There will be displays and exhibits set up by local and state law enforcement, county and state fire departments, and EMS crews representing more than 15 agencies. A "learn not to burn" simulator trailer will also be on site to teach children how to react in case of a fire in their home. Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks are provided for all guests.

Date and Time for Future CCPS iForums

Wednesday, October 6: 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Major General William E. Ingram, Jr.

Wednesday, October 27: 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. – guest to be announced

Governor Easley Proclaims October as Energy Awareness Month

Governor Mike Easley has proclaimed October as Energy Awareness Month in North Carolina. State government agencies have saved over \$1,000,000 in utility rate and billing changes alone. Do your part to help conserve North Carolina's natural resources and dollars at home by being energy smart and energy efficient. Start by testing your "energy quotient" with the questions below, and then test your home's energy efficiency by completing an online home energy audit at <http://www.homeenergysaver.lbl.gov>.

1. It's better to turn off my lights every time I leave my office than to turn them off at the end of the day. TRUE/FALSE
2. It takes more energy to set my thermostat lower at night in the winter than it does to keep it at the same temperature all day and night. TRUE/FALSE
3. Fluorescent lights consume (CIRCLE ONE) 1/10 or 1/4 or 1/2 the energy of a regular incandescent light bulb, and last (CIRCLE ONE) 2 times or 10 times or 15 times as long.
 1. **TRUE!** When the cost of electricity is greater than 3 cents per kilowatt hour, it's better to turn off the lights whenever you leave your office or home. State government averages 6.5 cents per kilowatt-hour, and households pay about 8 cents.
 2. **FALSE!** You want to "set-back" your thermostat temperatures when you're asleep, or not at home during the day. Normal daytime thermostat settings to save energy are recommended to be 70F in the winter and 76F in the summer.
 3. Compact fluorescent lights consume 1/4 the energy of a regular incandescent light bulb, and last 10 times as long.