



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

As you have probably heard, Governor Easley has asked me to serve the state in another capacity and I will be resigning as Secretary of CCPS to accept another appointment.

It has been an honor to work with you over the past eight years to make our state safer and to assist people in their time of need. Your selfless service and your commitment to excellence in all that you do have set the standard for state government. Each time you were presented with a tough challenge, whether it was the threat of terrorism, natural disasters in our state, increasing budget constraints or organizational changes, you stepped forward without hesitation and successfully carried out our department's mission.

Thank you for supporting and inspiring me to try to be like you. May God bless you and your families in the New Year!



Sincerely,
Bryan Beatty

The Secretary's Gold Circle Awards



Patty R. Petteway, State Highway Patrol

On Dec. 15th, Patrol Telecommunication Manager Patty Petteway received the Secretary's Gold Circle Award and the department's Meritorious Service Award. The awards cited her dedication and commitment to promoting the mission of the State Highway Patrol by advocating opportunities to increase employee morale and enhancing productivity.





Greg Atchley, Emergency Management

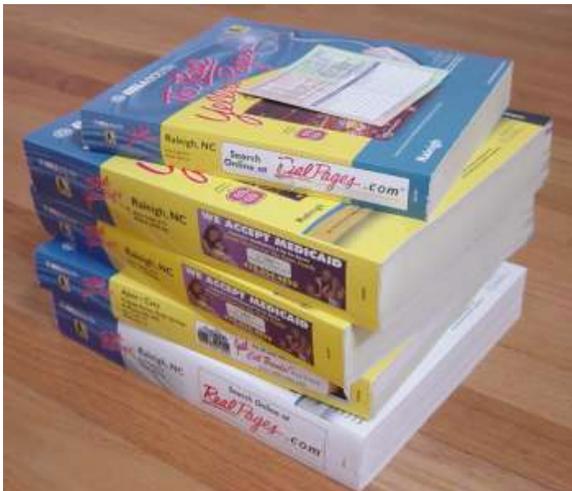
In appreciation for your exceptional commitment and service to North Carolina's citizens through your leadership and technical expertise while serving as an Area Coordinator as well as ensuring the success of the NC-HART program and the WebEOC initiative.



Tiawana Ramsey, Emergency Management

In appreciation for your outstanding dedication and service to North Carolina's citizens while serving as an Area Coordinator as well as your professional commitment in organizing and coordinating the "Certification Training Week" for the Western Branch, making it an overwhelming success.

DOA Aims to Reduce the Quantity of AT&T Phone Books



Last year, more than 42 tons (84,000 pounds) of telephone books were recycled by state agencies. The Department of Administration is asking state agencies to reduce the number of AT&T telephone books being ordered for the 2009 and 2010 editions.

As part of a recycling program, agencies are being asked to voluntarily:

- *Set an agency goal to reduce orders to a level of zero
- *Encourage employees to share telephone books
- *Make directories available on-line

With the Telephone Book Recycling Program, employees are reminded to use the specially-designed recycling bins, not trash cans, to discard old telephone books.

Congratulations!



The following employee was promoted:

Highway Patrol: **Paul Nelson**

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

30 years

Highway Patrol: **Jacquelyn Walker**

20 years

Emergency Management: **Greg Atchley, Pete Farmer**

Highway Patrol: **Glenda Hall**



Comings and Goings



Welcome to our new employees:

Butner Public Safety: **John Bates**

Highway Patrol: **Michael Isaacs**

NC National Guard: **James Upchurch** and **Stacy Steinmetz**

Best wishes to our recent retirees:

Highway Patrol: **James Deaton, Aaron Williams** and **Everet Workman**



Holiday Giving



Shop with a Cop

The N.C. Highway Patrol participated in Rocky Mount's Shop With a Cop program sponsored by the N.C. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 46.

Officers shadowed 19 children and helped them make \$200 in purchases. The emphasis was on purchasing necessities such as coats, bedroom linens and bathroom items, but officers allowed the youngsters to also buy a toy or two.

Troopers Say Thanks For Gift Baskets, Messages

At Thanksgiving, students at the Open Arms Child Development Center in Clayton gave baskets of goodies and thank you cards to members of the Highway Patrol and other local emergency officials in Johnston County.

Some of the cards to the Patrol read: "Thanks for protecting me and my family while we ate Thanksgiving," "Thank you for keeping my mommy and me safe and night," and "Sorry you could not be with your family and had to work." Troopers returned to thank the children and presented a plaque to the daycare and church for their thoughtfulness.

Fayetteville Christmas Parade

Mark Stafford, aka Darth Vader, works in the Floodplain Mapping Program for the Division of Emergency Management. He marched in Fayetteville's Christmas Parade along with his Star Wars costuming group.

Their goal was to have \$1,500 donated to the Make-A-Wish foundation, promised by the parade organizers if they had 30 people. Stafford hadn't planned to go since he'd just participated in Christmas parades in Raleigh and again in Richmond and he was pretty tired, but there was some worry that the Star Wars group might not make the 30 count.



Stafford said he dragged himself out of bed at 7 am on Saturday and drove to Fayetteville to stand out in the cold for hours waiting for the parade to start.

Turns out, only 29 people had shown up and Stafford was the one who put the group over the top to get the donation for Make-A-Wish.

"So, we not only made a lot of kids happy who saw us at the parade, but also got that extra donation for charity," Stafford said. "Can't beat that."

Employee Spotlight

Eric Meymandi

One of the newer faces in the CCPS administration section is Eric Meymandi, the department's sole internal auditor. His work, double-checking facts and figures, helps the ten divisions of CCPS become more effective and efficient.

"This was a good opportunity for me to work here," Meymandi said. "Secretary Beatty has surrounded himself with a good group of people."



Meymandi pours through stacks of documents, giving an extra pair of eyes to safeguard public assets. For example, different people are required to authorize payments to vendors to prevent possible fraud or embezzlement. The department also administers what are called pass-through grants to private agencies. Those agencies must report back to the department on how the grant money was spent. Meymandi will look at those reports to determine if the funds have been administered properly.

The department heads have certain financial resources, and Meymandi may be tasked with finding a better way to use the money or find alternative resources.

In addition to safeguarding department assets and resources, Meymandi ensures that the department is in compliance with state laws, and that divisions are following policies and procedures. He conducts performance audits and analyses for the divisions.

All of this work is done, Meymandi said, so that we don't waste resources.

Meymandi was born in Raleigh, but grew up in Fayetteville. He graduated from Terry Sanford High School in 1983, then attended East Carolina University where he earned a BA degree in business administration in 1987.

After college, Meymandi went to work for First Citizens Bank in Dunn as a collections manager. After two years, he moved to Raleigh to take a job with the Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety's Community Services Work Program, finding community service jobs for offenders. In the evenings, he took accounting courses from NC State University for two years.

His next job was with the Office of State Auditor. There, he audited the Smart Start partnerships across the state. After three years, he moved to the Dept. of Health and Human Services in 2004 as one of several auditors working on audit resolutions.

Meymandi stated working for CCPS in September of this year.

In his younger days, Meymandi said he liked to play baseball, fish, and he played drums. After college, he and a friend traveled through Europe and to Egypt to see the pyramids. He said they took backpacks and roughed it, staying in cheap hotels or youth hostels.

His two brothers live in Raleigh, and one of them introduced him to his wife at a party. They were married in New Bern in 1996.

Meymandi, and his wife, Jessica (a cued speech instructor), have two boys, 10-year-old Luke and six-year-old Holden. Both boys are in Boy Scouts. Meymandi said of the younger one, "His motor runs very fast. He knows what's going on and is very observant. He keeps us very busy." Luke, he said, is more laid-back, and he likes being on the computer.

"Since the kids were born, I haven't traveled too much," Meymandi said. "My boys are my hobby now."

Meymandi looks up to his father, a psychiatrist, who lives in Raleigh and is a respected patron of the arts. "I see Dad about once a week," Meymandi said. "He's a good role model."

His father gave Meymandi his tickets to meet famous cellist Yo Yo Ma following a North Carolina Symphony performance. He was taken with how down-to-earth he was. "He talked our ears off," Meymandi laughed. Yo Yo Ma had just done a children's program for PBS TV, and so he signed a photograph for Meymandi's two boys, Yo Ma Ma.

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We'll Miss You, Secretary Beatty

Remember the Fun Times







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