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A Message from the Secretary

With summer finally here, it's time for all of us to take advantage of the natural beauty and variety of vacation opportunities in North Carolina. It doesn't matter if you go to a mountain cabin or a beach cottage, a museum or an amusement park, a big city or a small town, or just stay home and relax. The goal of your vacation should be to unwind and forget the stresses of the job. No one works harder than CCPS employees do, and I encourage each of you to spend some of that hard-earned vacation time with your families this summer. There are lots of ideas for places to go and things to do at the state's official tourism website, <http://www.visitnc.com/>.

As you celebrate the nation's independence on the Fourth of July, please remember our nation's military personnel, including members of our own N.C. National Guard units, who are away from their families defending freedom for all of us. Did you know North Carolina was the 2nd state to hold an official state observance of Independence Day? It happened in 1783 at Old Salem. Details are at <http://www.oldsalem.com/fourofjul20.html>. All the more reason for us to celebrate the blessings of freedom in this great nation. Enjoy.

Bryan E. Beatty

From the Human Resources/Benefits and Safety Office

You can now use money accumulated in your NC 401(k) account to buy service time on the state retirement system. The IRS has ruled that active state and local employees under the age of 59 ½ can transfer the funds without penalty, meaning that some people may be able to buy time and retire sooner than they expected. Several things have to occur before an actual transfer of funds can take place.

- The Board of Trustees governing the State and Local Retirement Systems will meet to amend the NC 401(k) Plan on July 24.
- Once the Board acts, the Retirement System will work swiftly with the NC 401(k) Plan to implement the change.
- Transfer procedures are expected to be in place before the end of this year.
- The Retirement System will notify state and local employees as soon as transfers can be made.

When this new policy is implemented, you will need an estimate of your cost-to-purchase to complete the transfer. These requests are currently backlogged at the Retirement System, so you may want to complete the necessary forms for an estimate if you haven't already done so. When you receive your estimate from the Retirement System, you should keep the estimate until the new policy is implemented.

PROCEDURES: If you wish to purchase withdrawn accounts and would like an estimate, complete the RET-261. For military time, complete the RET-262S and attach the DD-214. For omitted service, complete the RET-266 and send to your previous employer for certification. You do not need your Retirement Number, only your Social Security Number. If you don't know the exact dates of service, just estimate them (example: February 1982 / July 1984). Send the completed, signed form to the CCPS Benefits and Safety Office. The form will be hand delivered to the Retirement System. Each of the Retirement Forms above is on the Benefits and Safety website under the Retirement Systems Division, Forms and Applications at <http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/HR/BenefitsandSafety.htm>.

Comings & Goings

Welcome to our new employees: **Daniel C. Parrott** and **Terry W. Pearce**, BPS; **Toni Plummer**, EM; **Malvern Whitmore**, NG; **Belinda Jones**, Redevelopment Center; **Kimberly Buckner**, **Alexander Daniel**, **Keith Leister**, and **Robert Nichols**, SHP.

Good luck to our recent retirees: Deputy Secretary **Billy Ray Cameron** and Assistant Secretary **Kerney Peoples**, Secretary's Office; Maj. **R.W. Shepherd**, Trps. **G.D. Keever**, **J.D. King**, and **A.L. Zimmerman**, Officer **D.W. Davenport**, and ADS **Ingrid Senter**, SHP.

Congratulations!

Butner Public Safety Senior Officer **G.B. Perry** was promoted to Lieutenant. **Angelicia Simmons**, attorney for the Disaster Recovery Operation Center legal team, was married to Ramel Bunch on May 24. **Rachel Flowe**, Executive Assistant to the Hazard Mitigation Chief, was married to Tim LeCroy on April 12. She left the Section on June 27 and moved to St. Louis with her new husband.

Division News

From the Disaster Recovery Operation Center: Good luck to **Anne Morris**, Mitigation Planner, and **Mildred Alston**, secretary for the legal team, who recently left the DROC for permanent state jobs. Welcome to **Mary Margaret Shaw**, the DROC's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Planner; and to the following summer interns **Adam Lindsey**, NFIP; **Ashlee Ayers**, Mitigation; and to **Jennifer Genzler**, **Sarah Bruce**, and **Clay Barkley**, Mitigation Planning.

The Department recently provided support to two major events in North Carolina: the Festival of Flight (FOF) and the Special Olympics summer games. At FOF, **Alcohol Law Enforcement** assisted with site security, the **Highway Patrol** provided traffic and pedestrian control during the airshow, the **National Guard** did recruiting and public education, **STARBASE** performed aerospace education at the CAP booth, **TarHeel Challenge** cadets and instructors served as guides for visiting students, and the **Civil Air Patrol** division provided operational, managerial and administrative support for the entire event, plus manned the CAP booth in the exhibit hall. At the annual Special Olympics summer games, the **CAP** and **TarHeel Challenge** provided communications, logistical and operational support for the event and specifically for the volleyball venues.

Free and discounted stuff!

The **North Carolina Zoo** will salute our armed forces by offering a 50-percent admission discount to all military personnel and their family members with a valid military ID through August 31. Each person must present a member, dependent or retiree identification card. The discount is the zoo's way of thanking our military men and women, and their families, for their work both in Operation Iraqi Freedom and for their diligence and sacrifices in the ongoing war on terrorism.

Children age 15 or under will be able to ride free on the **Piedmont and Carolinian trains** in North Carolina this summer when accompanied by a paying adult. The 'Kids Ride Free' offer is available Mondays through Thursdays until August 28. The **Piedmont** provides daily round-trip service between Raleigh and Charlotte. The **Carolinian** provides daily round-trip service from Charlotte to Raleigh, with service continuing north to Washington, D.C. and New York. Although the 'Kids Ride Free' special does not extend outside the state, the train still offers an easy and economical way to travel. Other discounts are available, including senior citizens, AAA and active-duty military. For more information about the 'Kids Ride Free' promotion, visit www.bytrain.org, call 1-800-BY TRAIN, or visit your local Amtrak station. Reservations are required; ask for fare code H338.

IN MEMORIAM - Our sympathy to the friends, family, and co-workers of Trooper A.G. Cogdill, who was killed in a traffic accident on May 30 in Haywood County.

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