



# The CCPS All-Points Bulletin

**Mission: To reduce crime, enhance public safety and assist victims throughout North Carolina.**

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## *A Message from the Secretary*

For the first time since Gov. Easley took office in 2001, the state does not have a budget shortfall this year. Therefore, we requested and Gov. Easley has proposed to the General Assembly some significant increases in funding for CCPS Divisions.

Perhaps the biggest impact is at Emergency Management, where the governor is proposing \$1.4 million to establish 24 permanent state funded positions that will otherwise go away as their federal funding ends this year, and \$784,356 to increase capabilities of our regional emergency response teams. More than \$8 million is projected to design and build a new Emergency Operation Center to replace the one we have, which dates back to the Cold War era. Other increases include \$792,000 in state funds to cover victims' compensation claims, \$103,680 more for Butner Public Safety operations as they deal with explosive growth, a new deputy director position to help with day-to-day operations at the National Guard, and \$500,000 for the Soldiers and Airmen Assistance Fund. CCPS would also get funds for a federal grants administrator in the Fiscal Office and two more Information Technology positions. The governor's budget for the Highway Patrol includes 10 new trooper positions, 17 new civilian support positions, more information technology staff to continue construction of the VIPER communications system, and \$10 million to pay for VIPER equipment.

In all, the expansion budget for CCPS is more than \$24 million dollars – a substantial increase for an agency our size, but certainly appropriate given the important responsibility we have to protect public safety. Thank you for everything you do each day to maintain this level of confidence in our department and its divisions.

*Bryan E. Beatty*

## *From the Benefits and Safety Office*

Open enrollment for the State Health Plan will take place from May 22 to June 30, 2006, but this year there are more options for state employees and their families. Perhaps the biggest change with the offering of the new preferred provider organization (PPO) health plan options is the fact that you no longer have to pay the family rate if you only want to cover your spouse. Other benefits include:

- Reduced premium options if you cover more than just yourself.
- Lower out-of-pocket costs (office visit co-pays instead of deductibles and co-insurance).
- No annual dollar cap for wellness benefits.
- An extensive network of providers – 90% of all the primary care physicians in the state participate and 97% of all the hospitals participate.
- No referrals are required to see specialists, and you will still be able to see physicians out of the network -- just at a higher cost.

You can also choose to stay on the current Comprehensive Major Medical plan. Information packets are being mailed to all state employees. Enrollment forms must be completed and returned to the CCPS Benefits Office by June 26<sup>th</sup> so we can get them to the State Health Plan office by the 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to the State Health Plan Web site at [www.statehealthplan.state.nc.us](http://www.statehealthplan.state.nc.us) or call the new NC *SmartChoice* PPO Customer Service line at 1-888-234-2416.

## *Congratulations!*

ALE Agent **Angela Hayes** received the Department's Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and the Secretary's Gold Circle Award on May 12<sup>th</sup> for her creation of a poster and billboard campaign to highlight the dangers of underage drinking. The campaign has gained media attention statewide. The DSA is the Department's highest award for service.

**Pam Kearns** of the Highway Patrol received the Department's Meritorious Service Award on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Pam partnered with the Davidson County Department of Social Services and Wal-Mart to initiate and organize the "Give a Kid a Christmas" program in Lexington, which allows children from less fortunate families to go shopping with a Trooper for Christmas gifts and toys. Since the program began in 1998, 259 children have benefited from more than \$49,000 in donations.

Trp. **Melvin Stephens** of Cumberland County received the Department's Commendation Award on May 15<sup>th</sup> for his actions in September of last year when he successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver on a man who was choking in a restaurant. Trp. **Michael Warren** received the Commendation Award on May 24<sup>th</sup> in Greenville. Last December, Warren responded to a wreck in Gates County and dove into a creek to rescue a driver from a submerged truck. The Commendation Award is the Department's second highest for heroism.

ALE Agent **Terrance Merriweather** received the Secretary's Gold Circle Award on May 12<sup>th</sup> for his investigation that led to the arrest of a Harnett County woman for serving alcohol to her 15-year old daughter and her underage friends.

Trp. **John Horniak** was inducted into the IACP/Dupont - Kevlar Survivors' Club® at a ceremony May 15<sup>th</sup> in Fayetteville. Horniak survived being shot five times after a vehicle stop on I-95 last November because he wore his personal body armor. The Kevlar Survivors' Club® promotes officer safety in the criminal justice system by strongly encouraging the wearing of personal protective body armor.

**Danyel White** has been promoted to Accounting Specialist II in the Federal Grants Accounting Unit of the Fiscal Office.

The following Highway Patrol employees were recently promoted to the following ranks: Capt. **J.R. Mumford**; Lts. **A.J. Dickey**, **W.G. Gillison**, and **H.P. Weissinger**; First Sergeants **C.D. Cain II**, **W.D. Coley**, **J.A. Cotton**, **H.J. Stephens**, **C.S. Taylor**, and **J.H. Wingo II**; Sergeants **W.D. Allison II**, **M.L. Brown**, **W.R. Ellington**, **A.L. Hill**, **A.A. Justice III**, **B.D. Stalvey**, and **C.A. Webb**; Telecommunications Center Supervisor **Robert Currie**, and Telecommunications Shift Supervisor **Billy Bryant**.

Twenty-two new Highway Patrol members were graduated from the **17<sup>th</sup> Motor Carrier Transition School** on April 21<sup>st</sup> in Edneyville. Thirteen new ALE Agents were graduated from the **23<sup>rd</sup> ALE Basic School** on May 12<sup>th</sup> in Salemburg. Twenty-eight new Troopers were graduated from the **115<sup>th</sup> Highway Patrol Basic Academy** on May 11<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh.

## *Two CCPS Health Fairs in June*

CCPS employees and their families and retirees can take advantage of two opportunities to attend a CCPS Health Fair in June. The Troop H Health Fair will be held at the Cuddy Arena at Wingate University in Wingate on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Troop E Health Fair will be held at the J.F. Hurley Family YMCA on Jake Alexander Boulevard in Salisbury on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Both health fairs begin at 7:00 a.m. and last until 1:00 p.m. Prizes and giveaways include t-shirts, towels, coolers, water bottles, gift certificates and more. Remember to fast before going to the Health Fair so your tests will be accurate. There will be free health screenings for cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, body mass index, vision, hearing, plus counseling by a healthcare professional. Food will be provided after the tests are done.

## *Comings and Goings*

Welcome to our new employees: **Phillip Armstrong**, **Christopher Carawan**, **Matthew Davis**, **William Hardee**, **Eric Hill**, **Robert Huneycutt**, **Matthew Knight**, **Chess McQueen**, **Jimmy Ray Miller**, **Charles Parker**, **Allen Roberts**, **Guy Schliewenz** and **Derek Wanson**, ALE; **John Barnhart**, **Edward Byrd**, **Timothy Grubbs**, **Nathan Jackson**, and **Arthur Whitaker**, SHP.

Good luck and best wishes to our recent retirees: F/Sgt. **V.C. Whitley**, Sgt. **M.A. Mills**, and Trp. **J.R. McLawhorn**, SHP.