



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



May has been a productive and busy month for the department. It began solemnly with a Memorial Service for 60 State Highway Patrol members who gave their lives while in the line of duty. Two names were added to the memorial this year, Trooper David Shawn Blanton of Haywood County and Trooper Andrew Stocks of Wake County.

That week ended on a more upbeat note, with the annual Employee Appreciation Day picnic at the State Fairgrounds. It was an afternoon full of laughs, camaraderie, good food and fun. It's an excellent opportunity once a year to get to know our fellow employees better, and in a more relaxed setting.

The following week, the Division of Emergency Management held an earthquake tabletop exercise. Gov. Bev Perdue, members of her staff and other state officials participated in a hurricane exercise the end of May, and the governor also proclaimed May 24-30 as Hurricane Preparedness Week.

The governor made another proclamation designating May 22 as Missing Children's Day. The Center for Missing Persons, housed under the Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement, recorded 8,350 missing children last year.

Special agents with the Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement in the Elizabeth City office ended an eight-month investigation into a non-tax paid liquor case with the arrest of four people who were allegedly bootlegging liquor from North Carolina into Virginia. In Charlotte, ALE agents cited 114 young people for underage possession of an alcoholic beverage, underage consumption of an alcoholic beverage and possession of a fake ID. From investigations to compliance checks, ALE agents across the state are providing a valuable service to our state.

The Governor's Crime Commission finished reviewing grants totaling \$62 million that will go to state and local agencies to improve community safety and assist crime victims. That is welcome news for all of us wanting to see the crime rate drop.

In their outreach to the Hispanic community, Victims Compensation Services members gave a presentation through Raleigh's Mexican Consulate, and the consulate agreed to display VCS brochures at their two locations. Also, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has provided nearly \$650,000 in grant money to VCS, and if all claims are approved at their June 3 meeting, VCS will have awarded more than \$8 million to victims of crime since last July.

During the Memorial Day weekend, Civil Air Patrol pilots began their annual lake patrol to search for disabled boaters. The aircrews are using some new technology, Satellite Digital Imaging Systems, which let the aircrew send photographs to ground computers. This will help provide information to emergency management centers during disaster relief missions and it will be able to give the U.S. Department of Homeland Security conditions on infrastructure.

On May 26, the N.C. National Guard hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the new National Guard Joint Force Headquarters building in Raleigh. When the four-story building is finished in 2010, the State Highway Patrol will transfer 24 staff members of Troop C communications to the building, and the State Emergency Operations Center will be moved to the bottom level of the new building. Fifty-two EM employees will be housed in the new center, including the EM director. Another 60 EM employees will move to the current National Guard building off Reedy Creek Road. This new National Guard facility will give us the tools to respond efficiently and effectively to disasters and to protect our state's citizens and resources.

The department is ever moving, growing and changing, all with one purpose in mind: to reduce crime, enhance public safety and assist victims throughout North Carolina. That's our mission. Keep up the good work.

Reuben Young



Photo by Julia Jarema

Congratulations!



The following employees were promoted:

Emergency Management: **Nicole Wickenhofer**

State Highway Patrol: Sergeant **William Burgess, Teresa Perkins**

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

35 years

State Highway Patrol: **Frances Baker.**

25 years

State Highway Patrol: Trooper **Patrick Glass** and **Roy Phillips.**

20 years

State Highway Patrol: Attorney **Joe Dugdale**; Major **Jennifer Harris**; Lieutenants **James Blanks** and **Alvin Batchelor**; First Sergeants **James Lane, Glenn Stokes** and **Steven Massey**; Sergeants **James McClelland** and **Don Cole**; Troopers **Mark Moore, Steve Rietvelt, Victor Gammons, Stephen Grizzell, Robert Grayson, John Fox, Bobby Watts, Eric Todd** and **Randolph Roberts**; and **Curtis Barnett.**



Comings and Goings



Welcome to our new employees:

State Highway Patrol: **Ashley Shasteen**

Best wishes to our recent retirees:

N.C. National Guard: **Brenda Cutts-Turner**

State Highway Patrol: **Frances Ellis, Sergeant Timothy Morgan, Thomas Parton, and Nancy Robinson.**



In Memoriam

N.C. National Guard 1st Lt. **Leevi Khole Barnard** died in service May 21 in Baghdad. Barnard, a member of the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, was killed along with two other soldiers assigned to the team for the deployment to Iraq. The soldiers were attacked by enemy forces using improvise explosive devices while on dismounted patrol.

"The National Guard is saddened by the loss of these brave men.." said Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram Jr., adjutant general of the N.C. National Guard. "Members of the N.C. National Guard, especially the soldiers of the 30th HBCT, will prevail and continue to serve our nation and state with distinction wherever and whenever we are called to duty."



A 1998 graduate of Patrick County High School in Virginia, 1st Lt. Barnard joined the N.C. Army National Guard in 2004 as a Multiple Launch Rocket System crewmember. He graduated as the Distinguished Military Graduate with a grade point average of 99% from his Advanced Individual Training Class at Ft. Sill Okla. He took his first assignment at B Battery, 5th Battalion 113th Field Artillery Regiment, and then transferred to Detachment 1, A Battery 113th Field Artillery Regiment 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

In 2007 he earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and received his commission as an officer in the Field Artillery through the Reserve Officer Training Corp at UNC Charlotte. After serving in A Battery 1st Battalion 113th Field Artillery Regiment, he transferred to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company 252nd Combined Arms Battalion in Fayetteville of the 30th HBCT where he was currently assigned. This was his first deployment.

Barnard is survived by his parents, step-parents, three sisters and two brothers.



Employee Spotlight

Israel Morrow is the only Alcohol Law Enforcement agent in the state whose territory is a section: the Southeast Raleigh Urban Redevelopment Area. Morrow does the usual alcohol, tobacco and lottery compliance checks in this high crime, high drug area, and he does background investigations on Alcohol Beverage Control permit applications. Morrow can also be found checking on complaints at suspected drug or liquor houses and interviewing informants.

Despite the reputation as a tough part of town with gangs and crack cocaine, Morrow says he's excited about his area and job. He works closely with the Raleigh Police Department, making arrests when he sees a drug deal take place.



"It's a very unique job," Morrow said. "The system is set up for people to turn their lives around. When you come into contact with someone, it's all how you treat them."

When, for example, Morrow asks to search an individual, he can tell if they're nervous. "I talk to them, and often get consent, but not always," Morrow said. "Treat someone with respect, and you get respect."

Jeff Lasater, the Special Agent in Charge for District IV, said, "Morrow works closely with members of the community. He honestly cares about the people and how his work can affect their lives. He wants to make a difference."

Morrow is a native of Claremont, a small town in Catawba County near Hickory. He said oddly enough, his alma mater, Bunker Hill High School, was located in the bend of the river where moonshine used to be made in the old days.

Morrow graduated from Bunker Hill in 1998 and then went to Catawba College on a baseball scholarship. One night, between practice, he and five of his teammates were in the back of a fellow player's pick-up truck on a run to the convenience store to get a cherry coca-cola and a bag of peanuts. On the way, the driver swerved to miss a dog and hit another car, throwing everyone but Morrow out of the truck bed. Everyone survived with relatively minor injuries, much to the surprise of Morrow's father who was in law enforcement and had arrived at the scene after hearing it on the scanner. He told the group that he didn't know how any of them made it through that accident. Morrow still has a three-inch scar on the back of his head.

Upon graduation in 2002, Morrow hoped to be drafted by a major league team. He was an outfielder in a year that the big leagues were looking for infielders and pitchers. Morrow instead became the assistant baseball coach at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory.

“There’s always a purpose and plan in life, and I was just trying to follow that path and figure out where I needed to be,” he said.

Morrow enjoyed spending time with the young adults and teaching them about life. During that time, he also became the head baseball coach for Eastern Catawba County, the American Legion baseball team, and he was a recruiter for the college.

He coached for two and a half years, until it came to him while out on a recruiting trip that he was ready for a change, a change into law enforcement. He told his mother of his decision and she said, “It was just a matter of time. Have you told your Dad?”

Morrow remembered at the age of seven, running with his father in the Special Olympics torch run. At the time, his father was chief of police for the town of Catawba and he later became a State Highway Patrolman. His father questioned him, arguing that with his college education, he could be anything. After Morrow attended the Basic Law Enforcement Training at Salemburg, however, Morrow’s father said he could see and understood his son’s love and compassion for law enforcement.

Morrow hoped to work for ALE, and was hired in 2005. He went through ALE’s three-month basic school before being assigned to the Raleigh office.

Morrow recently received his master’s degree in business administration from Pfeiffer University. He said the class was composed solely of law enforcement, including five from ALE.

During that time he met Karen, and the two were married last June. Karen, an agent with the State Bureau of Investigation (whose father is a former ALE district manager), has a daughter, Grayson. When Morrow gave Karen her engagement ring, he gave one to her Grayson as well. He enjoys spending time with his new family and teaching Grayson how to ride a bike. He also likes to hunt, fish and play some golf.

Morrow and Karen volunteer with Special Olympics. He got hooked seeing the joy on the faces of the Special Olympians, and their camaraderie. “It’s a life-changing experience,” Morrow said. “The kids are playing games the right way. They just want to play.”

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2009 Employee Appreciation Day Picnic





Many thanks to those who purchase the CCPS logo shirts and participate in the pie-throwing contest. Proceeds from both, plus the entry fee each year pays for the CCPS employee picnic.



Last Call for Summer Shirt Order

Employees have until June 12 to place orders for summer CCPS logo apparel.

For an order form, go to the employee's page of the CCPS web site, then click on Employee Logo Apparel, or copy and paste this URL:

<http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/Index2.cfm?a=000002,001839>

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