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Renovated center gives youths second chance

By **Diana Kees**
Public Relations Manager

An open house on April 14 offered community leaders and elected officials their first view of the renovated Edgecombe Youth Development Center in Rocky Mount. Gov. Pat McCrory was the keynote speaker for the event.

Officials with the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice opened the new center to provide safer, more secure and efficient care for committed youths in North Carolina.

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Dave Hardesty, right, Juvenile Justice facilities director, helps lead Gov. Pat McCrory on a tour of the renovated Edgecombe Youth Development Center near Rocky Mount.

Photos by **Ryan Guthrie**,
staff photographer.





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“I firmly believe that everyone deserves a chance to fulfill their potential, something that my parents instilled in me growing up,” Gov. Pat McCrory said. “The reopening of this innovative youth development center will provide proven and cutting-edge education, treatment and mental health services to young people in our juvenile justice system based on their individual needs for a successful transition back into our communities.”

Concurrent with the opening of Edgecombe YDC comes the closure of C.A. Dillon YDC, which opened in 1968 in Butner. This action marks a key phase of the 2014 Juvenile Justice Strategic Plan.

“The Juvenile Justice Strategic Plan calls for the closure of older, more antiquated facilities in favor of newer, safer, more efficient buildings,” said Secretary **Frank L. Perry** of the Department of Public Safety. “Edgecombe Youth Development [READ MORE](#)

Above, Gov. McCrory, second from left, pauses during a tour of Edgecombe YDC to ask questions. From left, W. David Guice; **Billy Lassiter**, deputy commissioner for Juvenile Justice; and Dave Hardesty.

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DPS Secretary **Frank L. Perry** speaks to the gathered guests and media at the open house for Edgecombe YDC.

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Center's self-contained setting allows a more therapy-driven approach to treatment and care, while providing a safer and more secure environment for juveniles, staff and the public than is possible at C.A. Dillon."

W. David Guice, commissioner of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice said reopening of Edgecombe YDC is a common-sense investment in the children and communities.

"In returning this modern, state-owned facility to service we are doing our best to ensure that juveniles in state custody are housed in the safest, most secure facility we can provide," he said. "By choosing to add bed space to the facility's current footprint using inmate construction crews, rather than constructing a brand new building, this administration was protective of both the public safety and taxpayer dollars."

C.A. Dillon YDC, which opened in 1968, was designed as a campus-style facility, which presents safety, security and staffing challenges. Juveniles at Dillon will be moved to Edgecombe YDC.

Renovations completed by the Inmate Construction Program allows the facility to serve 44 juveniles at one time, rather than the previous 32.

Edgecombe YDC is equipped with perimeter fencing, electronic security features and is self-contained, limiting the need to move juveniles from place to place as is typically found with a campus-style layout. Additionally, the configuration of Edgecombe YDC allows for more efficient delivery of evidence-based, therapeutic programming which is needed to most effectively treat and rehabilitate the juveniles housed there.

The new center was scheduled to officially open on April 25. Including Edgecombe, the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice operates four youth development centers statewide.

Youth development centers are secure facilities that provide education and treatment services to prepare committed youth to successfully transition to a community setting. This type of commitment is the most restrictive, intensive sanction and service that a court can order for a juvenile in North Carolina. The structure of the juvenile code limits this sanction to those juveniles who have been adjudicated for violent or serious offenses or who have a lengthy delinquency history. ▴

Reopening Edgecombe Youth Development Center is a common-sense investment in the children and communities of North Carolina.

GRANTS MANAGER

Busy, busy, busy

By **Patty McQuillan**, Communications Officer

Carlotta Winstead is a major link in a grant funding chain that pays for police equipment as well as life-changing programs for juveniles. Many law enforcement and non-profit agencies depend on her guidance to help them administer both state and federal grants that require multiple levels of what seem like unending, complex details.

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Photos by **Patty McQuillan**, communications officer.



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Winstead, who has worked for the Governor's Crime Commission since 1998, manages grants for Criminal Justice Improvement and Juvenile Justice. The federal money is allocated each year to North Carolina, and agencies statewide can apply for the grants in January. Once the awards are determined, Winstead begins her oversight to ensure that the money is used according to the grant stipulations.

"We make sure both federal and state grants are in compliance with the requirements," she said.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, routinely audits grant recipients.

"We go out and monitor the grants and we get monitored as well," Winstead said.

With her sleeves rolled up, a dash of good humor and plenty of poise, Winstead plows through each day with resolve. April is a busy month as the Crime Commission prepares federal applications for the 2016-2017 grant cycle.

"Before we finish with one, the next ones are due," she said. "There is no start and stop anymore."

In addition to administering grants, Winstead teaches workshops on writing grants. She said new grantees can be

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overwhelmed by the process, and she tries to help them work through the details.

“The end result, especially for a small police department with very [few] funds to purchase equipment, is to see them with new computers, new radios,” Winstead said. “They are then able to patrol their communities more safely; even small towns have gang activities.”

The agencies may apply for two years of funding, then typically the city or county is responsible for continued funding.

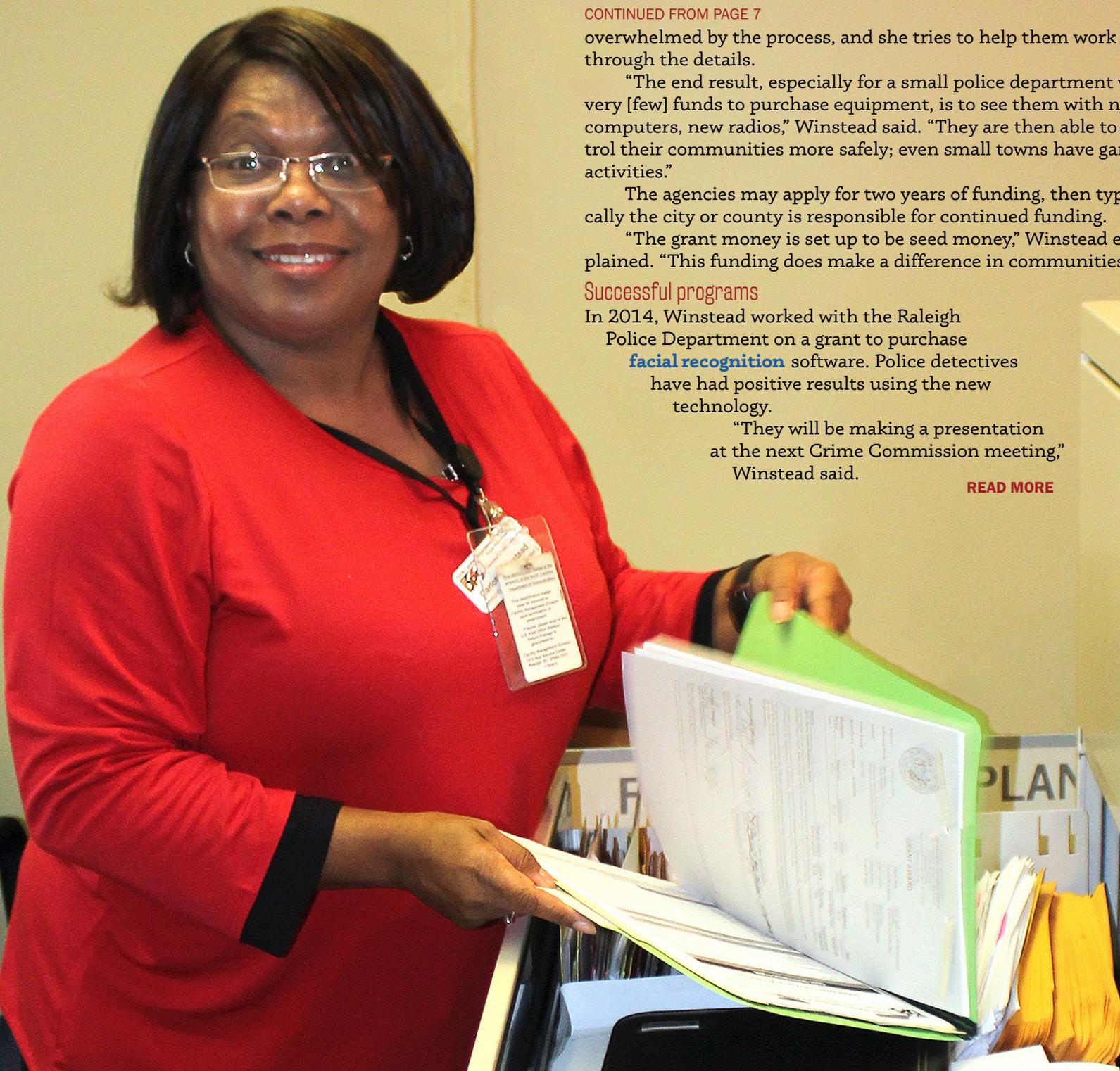
“The grant money is set up to be seed money,” Winstead explained. “This funding does make a difference in communities.”

Successful programs

In 2014, Winstead worked with the Raleigh Police Department on a grant to purchase **facial recognition** software. Police detectives have had positive results using the new technology.

“They will be making a presentation at the next Crime Commission meeting,” Winstead said.

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Another successful program Winstead guided is the 2015 Aspire Youth and Family - Kids at Work, a culinary program that started in Haywood County, and with GGC's help, expanded to McDowell, Polk and Henderson counties. About 120 at-risk youths attend this after-school program for 16 weeks to learn how to cook as well as the importance of job, customer service and inter-personal skills. The 12- to 17-year-old chefs-to-be are so good at what they do, the Western North Carolina Victims Coalition

Event used them to cater their annual event. Many of the teens have become chefs or gone on to culinary school. GCC has funded the program for five years.

"This is a tool to get kids off the street, giving them something else to do instead of going out with gangs," Winstead said.

"There are so many things going on simultaneously, we are beyond multi-tasking," Winstead said.

She works with two others, a group that was reduced from more than a dozen staff members because of budget cuts and attrition.

"I pray a lot. We laugh, but that's the truth," she said.

Carlotta has her Bible open on her desk to Matthew 5:43-48 which begins, "Love thy neighbor; Bless them that curse you."

Last year, offices for the Governor's Crime Commission were flooded by heavy rain on a leaky roof. Winstead told a workman that she was there to retrieve her family Bible, thinking that she would have to dry it out. The workman led her to her office and showed her that, while everything else on her desk was sopping wet, her Bible had remained dry.

Winstead, who grew up in Yanceyville, has been commuting to Raleigh each day from her Greensboro home for more than 18 years. When she's not driving back and forth from Greensboro, or working 10-hour days, she loves to bike, swim, be involved in church activities and bake cakes from scratch.

She graduated from N.C. Central

University in 1985 with a history and education degree. Her first job was with Caswell County's Department of Social Services where she processed applications for Medicaid, food stamps and Aid to Families with Dependent Children, then moved to the Adult Protective Services section. She attended graduate school part time before becoming a victim witness assistant for the district attorney's office in Judicial District 17A (Rockingham and Caswell counties). When the district split, she continued to work in Wentworth, the county seat for Rockingham County.

In 1997, the Victims Compensation Commission received a federal Victims of Crime Act grant through the Governor's Crime Commission, and Winstead was hired to help with their numerous rape claims. When the grant ran out, Winstead accepted a position with the Governor's Crime Commission as a grants planner for the Violence Against Women Act. She later moved to the Grants Management section, and last September was promoted to community development specialist II.

"I enjoy working with people, with my law enforcement group and with all the programs," Winstead said. "It gets busy, busy, busy."

Michael Gagner, assistant director of the Governor's Crime Commission wrote, "Winstead is highly valued and respected as part of our team, a true pleasure to work with. Her accolades are echoed by many of those she helps and if only we could write a grant to clone her." ▀

Program helps employees process negative life events

By **Townes Maxwell**, Communications Specialist
Correctional employees have help available to sort through their reactions in the aftermath of a critical incident, on or off the job.

The help comes from SHIELD — Staff Helping In Emergency Life-changing crises or Difficult situations. It is designed to provide employees with the resources and help they need to process negative life events. The program isn't tied to the job specifically. If a correctional employee loses a loved one or just has a difficult life event happen, SHIELD is there to help.

"We follow up with our employees, and if they're having difficulties dealing with a situation, we offer assistance," said **Scott Bauer**, critical incident administrator in Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice. "From talking them through the issue or directing them to resources that could be helpful to them, our goal is to help them gain some normalization in their lives and provide some coping mechanisms. A lot of times, they wonder if they're going 'crazy,' when what they're experiencing is really just their body's way of reacting normally to an abnormal situation."

SHIELD team members are similar to first-responders. They aren't medical professionals, walking people through the steps of therapy. Their job, instead, is to focus their efforts on what is immediately necessary to help individuals and point them in the right direction of long-term help.

"It doesn't matter what time of day it is either," Bauer said. "I recently got a call from a prison superintendent on a Monday evening, left at 4:30 a.m. the next day, and talked to the correctional staff there that morning. We don't make anyone talk, but if they do want to talk to someone, we're there. We've gotten emails from four of the people we talked to, thanking us for being down there."

The program has drawn attention from outside of North Carolina, with numerous agency representatives from other states calling Bauer to learn more about what has made SHIELD effective. The program will also be presented at a national conference in Tulsa, Okla., later this month.

"SHIELD members provide one-on-one and group support for



Scott Bauer, center, listens to employees dealing with the effects of a difficult life event.

incident survivors, coworkers and others," Bauer said. "We act as peer advocates to ensure proper rest, facilitate information flow, allow 'venting' of initial feelings and emotions with an emphasis on stress reduction."

The program doesn't provide one formulaic response that goes out to every issue. Each case is different. The job may mean directing someone to counseling, but it could also be something as simple yet helpful as arranging meals for someone or finding small ways to take away some financial stress after incidents.

Participation is available for any members of correctional staff, regardless of division.

"We felt the need to create something like this that could help our staff members," Bauer said. "Many similar programs provide this to people of other professions who encounter stressors on the job, and it seemed like something that could really help corrections staff."

Bauer said the results so far have been tangible.

"We've worked with several staff members who were ready to quit after being assaulted on the job," he said. "A good number decided to come back to work after seeing how we fostered an environment of safety and care. They saw the support of their superiors and co-workers, but they also saw our peer support team there for them."

For more information or to reach out to the program, contact Bauer at 336-337-5209 or at scott.bauer@ncdps.gov. ▴



Bond passage starts infrastructure improvements for NC Guard

North Carolina voters' approval of the \$2 billion Connect NC bond referendum allowed the North Carolina National Guard to move forward with a \$70 million infrastructure improvement plan, involving three sites across the state. An NCNG Regional Readiness Center will be built in McLeansville. In Morganton, the former Western Youth Institution will be renovated and become a NCNG Regional Readiness Center, and in North Wilkesboro,

a new consolidated armory will be constructed. "We are honored to be included in the bond and be considered a top priority," said Maj. Gen. Greg Lusk, North Carolina adjutant general. "These funds will let us put 300,000 square feet of building back into our inventory and allows us to begin our long-term infrastructure modernization plan."



Above, at the April 5 hiring event at Fort Bragg, DPS Career Readiness personnel help a soldier make his way through the application process for a job in corrections after he completes his military service.

Fort Bragg hiring event connects North Carolina veterans to jobs

FORT BRAGG | As part of Gov. Pat McCrory's goal to make North Carolina the most military and veteran friendly state in the nation, service members, veterans and their families were invited to a hiring event on April 5 at Fort Bragg.

"I encourage all veterans and service members to attend these events and connect to jobs in North Carolina," McCrory said. "North Carolina is already on its way to being the most military and veteran friendly state in the nation, and this initiative builds on our commitment to support

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veterans, service members and their families."

People attending the event learned more about open correctional officer positions the state is looking to fill at various locations in North Carolina.

"Military troops and veterans are a great asset to the state," said Neal Alexander, director of the Office of State Human Resources (OSHR). "They have the skill sets, experience and discipline needed to excel at these positions and many others."

The governor's human resources office and the Department of Public Safety teamed up to host the event on April 5. DPS Career Readiness staff members were on-site to interview and make contingent job offers. OSHR personnel helped candidates apply for the jobs online. ▴

Above, a soldier signs papers to accept a conditional offer of employment with DPS Adult Correction after his discharge from the Army.

Photos by **George Dudley**, editor.

The life lines known as telecommunicators

By **Patty McQuillan**, Communications Officer

A multi-car pile-up or a blazing chemical fire can put North Carolina's telecommunicators to the test. They are trained to remain calm and communicate clearly as they relay information to first responders. Because of them, lives are saved and calamities controlled.

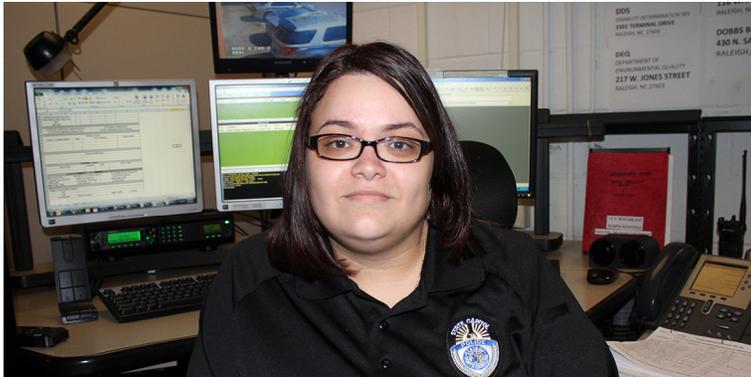
National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 10-16, honored the workers and their profession. Department of Public Safety telecommunicators work for Emergency Management, State Capitol Police and the State Highway Patrol.

"We are masters of teamwork," said **Andrea Lowe**, shift supervisor for the State Highway Patrol's telecommunicators covering troops A, C and D. "Troopers on the radio are our priority. If a trooper is on the scene of an accident and needs fire or EMS help or a tow truck, we assist them."

While SHP Telecommunicator **Kelly Mizelle** was taking a call about a box on a roadway, fellow Telecommunicator **Jennifer Poist** explained, "We get a lot of calls about debris in the road — limbs, mattresses, bumpers. Just this morning we have taken calls about a generator, a water heater and plastic tarps on the road."

Lowe said mattresses often go airborne from the tops of cars, and telecommunicators get numerous calls about furniture and lumber on the road. Telecommunicator **Rey Robles** said he gets frequent calls about animals in the roadways, including horses, cows and goats.

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Above, Emergency Management Telecommunicators **Robin Dail** and **Joe Brennan** take calls for NC HART missions, Regional Response Team requests, severe weather and more. Left, State Capitol Police Telecommunicator **Evelyse Camacho** takes emergency calls involving state government buildings and property.

Photos by **Patty McQuillan**, communications officer



Above left, Highway Patrol Telecommunicator **Steven Evans** takes an automobile accident call for Greensboro.

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“Nothing really surprises us anymore,” Lowe said. “We got a call this morning about someone picking flowers in the median. That’s against the law and we had to send a trooper.”

Emergency Management’s 24-hour emergency operations center telecommunicators take calls for hazardous materials incidents, severe weather, search and rescue requests, chemical spills and more. They are busiest during severe weather events such as tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and winter storms. It was a sunny day on April 11, and telecommunicators **Robin Dail** and **Joe Brennan** were on duty and had time to explain their operation.

“We take calls from local emergency management agencies when they have a need for state resources,” Dail said. “We’re here to take those calls and get them the state resources they need.”

Evelyse Camacho answers the State Capitol Police’s



Above right, SHP telecommunicator **Kelly Mizelle** in Raleigh takes a call about a box on the road.

emergency call line, 919-733-3333. She handles dispatch calls for state employees working in Wake County who may be in physical distress or a victim of theft. She takes calls for problems with state government buildings such as break-ins, floods or fire. As a telecommunicator, Camacho not only takes calls for state government operations within Wake County, she also monitors fire and burglar alarms for state-owned facilities across North Carolina.

Public safety telecommunicators calm angry 911 callers and are critical during countless emergencies.

“Our law enforcement officers and first responders depend on telecommunicators’ quick reaction to emergencies,” said Gov. Pat McCrory. “We can’t thank them enough for staying on top of events. They are key to our public safety and deserving of praise, not just this week, but every day of the year.” ▴

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North Carolina helps Virginia recover from storms

For the second time in six months North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) has helped neighbors recover from devastating storms.

As part of a national compact for disaster relief efforts, an NCEM manager has traveled north to help Virginia recover from February's deadly storms and tornadoes. Last fall, the state sent hundreds of emergency workers, bottled water, road barricades and search teams to help South Carolina recover from historic flooding.

"There are no state boundaries when it comes to helping the citizens of our states recover from natural disasters," Gov. Pat McCrory said. "We help each other because it's the right thing to do and because, as coastal governors, we know it's only a matter of time when we will be needing recovery help from our neighbors."

Public Safety Secretary **Frank L. Perry** noted North Carolina was spared the brunt of damaging storms that swept the Southeast in late February.

"The severe thunderstorms and tornadoes that swept across North Carolina on Feb. 24 were much more devastating for Virginia," Perry said. "We're happy to lend a hand and expertise to our neighbors in time of need, just as others have supported us when we have needed it."

Virginia sent a request for a program manager with debris removal experience to

help coordinate the massive cleanup efforts of downed trees, limbs and other rubbish left in the storm's wake. Working through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, which provides a coordinated relief effort for disaster-stricken states to help get the right type of resources at the right time, NCEM sent its assistant recovery chief, **Andy Innis**.

For nine days, Innis worked for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, consulting with county administrators, emergency management and public works officials coordinating debris removal operations. With vast cleanup experience from previous tornadoes and Hurricane Irene in 2011, Innis was able to provide procedural advice to maintain eligibility for possible federal reimbursement.

"North Carolina Emergency Management is very fortunate to have a strong team of professionals who are more than willing to share their knowledge and experience to help others," NCEM Director **Mike Sprayberry** said. "Having additional staff who have 'been there, done that' is invaluable during disaster response and recovery."

The requesting state — Virginia in this case — fully reimburses for the total costs incurred. All resources are coordinated between state emergency management agencies.

The EMAC system was developed by state governors following Hurricane Andrew in Florida where critical resources were needed. North Carolina has sent teams to help with numerous disaster response efforts, including South Carolina flooding in 2015, Louisiana and Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina, and Alaska flooding in 2007.

"Good neighbors are always able to lend a helping hand when asked," Sprayberry said. ▀

Andy Innis, N.C. Emergency Management's assistant recovery chief, documents damage caused by a February storm in Virginia.



Prisons puts apprentices in soldiers' dining room

State prison inmates are getting some valuable on-the-job training that is hoped to be a recipe for success at the National Guard Joint Force Headquarters dining facility.

The inmates are taking part in the Department of Public Safety's food and nutrition service assistant apprenticeship program. The National Guard and the department teamed up to offer breakfast and lunch meals for purchase by soldiers, state and federal employees who work in the Joint Force Headquarters.

"As part of the department's public safety mission, inmates are given a chance to learn valuable job skills they can use

to help them find employment upon release," Public Safety Secretary **Frank L. Perry** said. "Those who are gainfully employed upon release are less likely to return to prison."

The 10 offender trainees — chosen to participate in the program at Johnston Correctional Institution in Smithfield — dedicate a year working toward earning the apprenticeship. The program is backed by the U.S. Department of Labor and N.C. Department of Commerce.

Certified correctional food service employees provide the training that prepares the inmates for a potential career in culinary arts. As part of the training, the inmates work in a variety of roles

in the dining facility, including cook, baker, dining room attendant and food line manager. The inmates also learn about nutrition, food safety and sanitation, as well as interviewing and resume skills.

"This is state interagency teamwork at its best, resulting in a low-cost option and benefit for the JFHQ complex and excellent meal options for the state and federal employees without them having to leave the building," said Gary Allen, deputy director, NCNG. "Most importantly this program provides a unique training and certification opportunity that could lead to future employment for our state's inmates."

Menu prices range from about \$2 for breakfast biscuits to between \$3-\$5 for sandwiches, wraps and lunch entrées with a side order and beverage. Dining facility hours are 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and on Fridays, breakfast and grab-and-go items are available from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. ▴

'This is state interagency teamwork at its best.'

Left, an instructor shows inmate apprentices the basics of burger flipping.

Photo by **Julia Jarema**, communications officer.



Multi-agency operation rounds up 65 offenders

Nearly 60 law enforcement officers and support staff from state, local and federal agencies joined forces in March for Operation Arrow - Craven County, an enforcement operation that served outstanding criminal warrants and conducted compliance checks on high risk and violent offenders on probation and parole.

Officers arrested 65 individuals and served 133 warrants and 21 criminal citations. Sixteen absconders from probation or parole were located and arrested. Six people were charged with probation or parole violations as a result of 54 searches that probation officers conducted at residences.

Significant arrests included a paroled sex offender who was found in possession of pornography, a probationer in possession of an assault rifle and drugs, and a probationer with enough heroin to result in a felony drug trafficking charge. Information gathered in the operation led to the location of a North Carolina absconder in Greenville, S.C., where he was arrested by local police. More than 10 individuals who were not present when officers visited their homes turned themselves in after learning from family or friends that they were wanted.

Participating agencies included the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Craven County Sheriff's Department and the New Bern, Havelock, Trent Woods and Bridgeton police departments. The operation was supported by analysts from the FBI and NC ISAAC (North Carolina Information Sharing and Analysis Center) and by canines and handlers from DPS Adult Corrections and the New Bern Police Department.

Officers organized into seven multi-agency teams to serve warrants and conduct searches to ensure compliance of high-risk or violent probationers and parolees. ▴

Commission grants to combat internet crimes against children

RALEIGH | Throughout North Carolina, hundreds of sexual predators are using the internet to target and solicit children, some requesting nude pictures or to meet for sex. To help locate and prosecute these sexual deviants, Gov. Pat McCrory secured \$1.6 million in state grants in his recent budget.

State legislators earmarked \$600,000 for the 2015-16 fiscal year and \$1 million for 2016-17. Grants will pay for salaries and training of investigators and forensic analysts, and for technology to locate and rescue children.

Priority for the grants is being given to veterans who have received specialized training through HERO, Human Exploitation Rescue Operative, a national organization of wounded veterans committed to finding and arresting child predators.

“We must protect the state’s children from sexual predators,” McCrory said. “Arming wounded warriors and law enforcement officers with needed tools and training will help find and prosecute abusers.”

HERO veterans and qualifying law enforcement agencies may apply for grants through the [Grant Enterprise Management System](#) on the Governor’s Crime Commission’s website.

“Law enforcement agencies, especially the smaller ones that have limited resources, are welcoming this state funding,” said David Huffman, commission director. “The training is highly technical and specialized and the equipment is expensive, but these grants are an important step in preventing sexual predators from reaching our children.”

The State Bureau of Investigation, the lead agency in this effort, has 14 agents assigned to the North Carolina chapter of Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, ICAC, (pronounced eye-kack).

“So few agents isn’t nearly enough to investigate the massive number of leads referred to the SBI,” said Alan Flora, special agent in charge who oversees the SBI Computer Crimes Unit. “As the number of tips to the SBI increases, the number of SBI agents and local Task Force officers has remained about the same.”

Last year, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s [CyberTipline](#) sent more than 2,200 tips on potential cases of child exploitation to the SBI. Five years ago, the number was 683.

“This grant funding is a welcome asset in providing additional skilled manpower whose sole purpose is to find and prosecute adults using technology to communicate unlawfully with children,” Flora said. “To build a good ICAC investigation program in a local agency takes about \$40,000 and a couple of years, then several thousand dollars each year to stay current with training and software licenses,” Flora said. “Most local agencies just don’t have what they need. These legislative appropriations are the first step in being able to effectively investigate sex crimes against children going on throughout this state via the internet.”

The \$600,000 grant is divided into two \$100,000 awards for veteran HERO positions and 10 \$40,000 awards for salaries, training and equipment. Two grants will be awarded across the state in five different regions. Twelve agencies have so far applied for this first grant. Solicitations opened in December and will remain open as long as funds are available.

“These grants are unusual because, typically, the Governor’s Crime Commission receives federal funding streams,” Huffman said.

For more information on the grants contact: GCC Assistant Director Michael Gagner at Michael.A.Gagner@NCDPS.Gov. ▴





Caring about a co-worker

Employees at Maury Correctional Institution recently stepped up to help Transportation Officer **Maceo Wilkins**, second from right, handle expenses that are accumulating due to his daughter's battle against a rare illness. Wilkins received a check totaling \$1,160 from employees' donations. From left are **Demetrius Hines**, food service supervisor II; Correctional Officer **Alberta Perry**; **Richard Ginn**, food service supervisor II; **Clarence Godley**, food service supervisor III; and **Dennis Daniels**, administrator I. Photo by **Charlesse Boyd**, correctional behavioral specialist II.

Caledonia officer helps co-worker overcome choking

Correctional Officer **Latasha Brinkley** immediately responded when she saw fellow officer **Leza McAllister** start choking on food as she ate lunch at Caledonia Correctional Institution recently. Brinkley applied the Heimlich maneuver,

which dislodged the food from McAllister's throat.

McAllister graciously thanked Brinkley for her quick response to a possibly life-threatening situation.

"Once again this incident demonstrated the necessity of training

on these and other life saving techniques received annually in In-Service Training," said Superintendent **Richard Duke Jr.** "Caledonia Administration and staff members are extremely proud of Correctional Officer Brinkley." ▴

Tell me something good

Caswell prison has new superintendent

Mark Carver is the new superintendent at Caswell Correctional Center in Yanceyville, replacing Judy Brandon, who retired.

Carver most recently served as assistant superintendent for custody and operations at Caswell CC and is a 27-year veteran of the state prison system. He began his career in 1989 as a correctional officer and sergeant in Orange County. He later served at state prisons in Craven and Pamlico counties before returning to Orange Correctional Center as an assistant superintendent.

He is a Caswell County native and graduate of East Carolina University and Bartlett Yancey High School.

Caswell Correctional Center is a medium-security prison housing approximately 480 male inmates in dormitory-style housing. It employs a staff of about 170 people. ▴



Honor student

Casey Allen of Central Prison was named an honor student in a recent Basic Correctional Officer class. ▴

P R O M O T I O N S

Promotions in March 2016

Alton Arthur, sergeant I, Lincoln Correctional Center
Richard Ashe, information processing technician, Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice
Christopher Auer, captain I, Hyde Correctional Institution
Jeffrey Baker, captain II, Pasquotank Correctional Institution
Herbert Bell, food service officer I, Tabor Correctional Institution
Calvin Bethea, programs supervisor, Scotland Correctional Institution
Adrian Bowens, accounting clerk IV, Tyrrell Prison Work Farm
Jeffrey Bowers, food service officer I, Albemarle Correctional Institution
Christopher Brackett, training coordinator I, Office of Staff Development & Training
Travis Byrd, housing unit manager II, Burke Confinement in Response to Violation Center
Mark Carver, superintendent II, Caswell Correctional Center
Rodney Cline, correctional officer II, Lanesboro Correctional Institution
Joshua Crisp, housing unit manager II, Alexander Correctional Institution
Jessica Cummings, youth services behavioral specialist,
 Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center
Billy Ellis, sergeant I, Gaston Correctional Center
Mark Fleming, assistant superintendent III, Maury Correctional Institution
Sierra Gravitte, correctional officer II, Polk Correctional Institution
Craig Hammond, lieutenant I, Dan River Prison Work Farm
Roger Hardy, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 7
Donnie Hunt, food service officer II, Pasquotank Correctional Institution
Christopher James, sergeant I, Pender Correctional Institution
Joshua Jarrett, sergeant I, Lincoln Corrections Center
Cynthia Johnson, medical records assistant IV, Prisons Health System
Candace Jones, medical records assistant IV, Prisons Medical Records
Simeon Jones, sergeant II, Central Prison
Marva July, sergeant I, Nash Correctional Institution
Danny Key, trooper, State Highway Patrol Basic School
Laura Kinney, captain I, Brown Creek Correctional Institution
Jeremy Laton, maintenance mechanic IV, Pamlico Correctional Institution

Ashley Lowery, case manager, Craggy Correctional Institution
Jo Lowery, sergeant I, Caswell Correctional Center
Ashley Marks, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 7
Byron McBride, correctional officer II, Scotland Correctional Institution
Kevin McClain, programs supervisor, Davidson Correctional Center
Lindberg McKeller, housing unit manager II, Nash Correctional Institution
Jason McKinsey, sergeant I, Caswell Correctional Center
Felecia McLean Kesler, food service supervisor I, Lumberton Correctional Institution
Anthony Mincey, housing unit manager I, Nash Correctional Institution
Tamra Misenheimer, nurse supervisor, Piedmont Correctional Institution
Afton Murray, correctional sergeant II, Central Prison
Tyler Oxendine, plumber supervisor, Facility Maintenance – Central Region
Jimmy Pate, maintenance mechanic IV, Correction Enterprises Pender Sewing Plant
Kenneth Peebles, youth counselor supervisor, Edgecombe Youth Development Center
Marshall Pike, district manager, Prisons Administration Operations
Mark Poplin, programs director I, Brown Creek Correctional Institution
Rodrique Rivers, sergeant II, Central Prison
Rodney Robertson, judicial district manager I, Community Corrections District 9
Carolyn Schatz, administrative assistant III, Correction Enterprises Customer Service
Lashonda Scott, assistant superintendent for programs II, Odom Correctional Institution
Denise Sherrod, programs director I, Central Prison
Arthur Siciak, housing unit manager II, Alexander Correctional Institution
David Smith, substance abuse program administrator,
 Alcoholism & Chemical Dependency Programs
Joy Smith, personnel technician II, Prisons Administration
Russell Smith, correctional officer II, Central Prison
Shanika Stanton, correctional officer II, Scotland Correctional Institution
Sandra Stinson, food service officer I, Piedmont Correctional Institution
William Suggs, administrative services manager, Tabor Correctional Institution
Jamie Washington, chief probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 10
Jackie Williams, administrative assistant II, Prisons Administration
Sharon Young, youth counselor, Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center

R E T I R E M E N T S

Retirements in March 2016

Name, position, location, service (years/months)

Stephen Allred, not assigned, State Highway Patrol Troop G District 5, 28y5m
Mary Alsobrook, correctional officer I, Brown Creek Correctional Institution, 24y4m
Thomas Arnold, correctional officer I, Dan River Prison Work Farm, 19y4m
Coy Ball, superintendent III, Avery-Mitchell Correctional Institution, 28y10m
Robert Barrett, sergeant I, Scotland Correctional Institution, 26y9m
Gail Boyd, lieutenant II, Bertie Correctional Institution, 20y7m
Kelly Carpenter, programs supervisor, Lincoln Correctional Center, 29y
James Casper, facility maintenance supervisor I,
Air National Guard Facility Management, 22y7m
Fairley Clark, correctional officer II, Scotland Correctional Institution, 3y3m
Billy Cooke, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 6, 17y10m
Sheree Coulston, patrol telecommunicator, State Highway Patrol
Troop H Telecommunications, 24y1m
Carol Davis, professional nurse, Central Prison Health Care, 12y4m
Rosemary Deese, administrative officer I,
Robeson Confinement in Response to Violation Center, 11y11m
Linda Doll, office assistant IV, State Highway Patrol Troop Operations, 15y
Jackie Driggers, programs director I, Brown Creek Correctional Institution, 20y7m
Linda Driggers, personnel assistant V, Brown Creek Correctional Institution, 10y
Deborah Ford, case manager, Avery-Mitchell Correctional Institution, 28y10m
Stuart Foreman, correctional officer I, Caledonia Correctional Institution, 29y3m
Carl Haigler, correctional officer II, Lanesboro Correctional Institution, 10y1m
Beverly Harris, licensed practical nurse, Southern Correctional Institution, 30y
Irene Hart, processing assistant III, Maury Correctional Institution, 14y1m
Richard Hedges, correctional officer II, Central Prison, 30y5m
Howard Johnson, trooper (master), State Highway Patrol Troop D District 7, 25y9m
Leroy Jones, correctional officer I, Greene Correctional Institution, 29y5m
Charles Ledford, supervisor III, Correction Enterprises-Marion, 20y7m
Kevin Lee, assistant superintendent II, Greene Correctional Institution, 27y3m
George Lewis, correctional officer I, Carteret Correctional Center, 25y
Patricia Littlejohn, professional nurse, Rutherford Correctional Center, 13/3
Dalton Lynch, correctional officer I, Warrenton Correctional Institution, 30y3m
Susan Madenspacher, office assistant IV,
State Highway Patrol Commander Operations, 6y1m
Dale Majors, correctional officer I, Odom Correctional Institution, 28y

Danny Orders, training coordinator I, Office of Staff Development & Training, 24y10m
Kathryn Perkins, judicial services coordinator,
Community Corrections District 7, 29y1m
Donna Pettress, food service manager I, Caswell Correctional Center, 23y/9m
Shawn Riley, trooper (master), State Highway Patrol Troop H District 6, 26y3m
Norman Rush, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 7, 18y8m
Claudia Sherrod, captain I, Polk Correctional Institution, 25y
Jerry Smith, correctional officer II, Foothills Correctional Institution, 25y2m
Susan Stroud, judicial services coordinator,
Community Corrections District 22, 31y8m
Lynn Summers, superintendent II, Hoke Correctional Institution, 33y10m
Richard Terry, superintendent III, Craggy Correctional Institution, 30y4m
Johnny Thomason, correctional officer I, Davidson Correctional Center, 39y1m
Darren Turner, chief probation & parole officer,
Community Corrections District 27, 26y4m
William Vickers, sergeant, State Highway Patrol Troop E District 3, 15y
Pamela Walsh, social worker II, Odom Correctional Institution, 25y8m
Linda Watts, juvenile court counselor supervisor, Juvenile Justice District 1, 29y8m
Becky Williams, personnel technician I,
State Highway Patrol Beacon Position Manager, 29y2m
Carl Wilson, sergeant I, Lincoln Correctional Center, 28y6m
Cindy Wiseman, office assistant III, Marion Correctional Institution, 11y4m

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Regina Lockee, professional nurse, Foothills Correctional Institution, 10y1m

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