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A new budget for DPS

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Your Gift - Your Passion



Dear Colleagues,

The 2014 State Employees Combined Campaign is underway, and this year's theme – ***Your Gift Your Passion*** – represents supporting charities that matter to you personally. I encourage each of you to look close to home and heart as you consider making contributions that can have a lasting impact on many lives.

While contributions are voluntary, the campaign provides a comprehensive list of more than 1,000 local, national and worldwide organizations or agencies that need your help. These agencies include nonprofits that improve a community's well-being through feeding the hungry, helping the elderly, nourishing a child's development, providing disaster relief, supporting victim-related services, encouraging cultural programs, protecting the environment or caring for animals. Your donation, large or small, to any of the non-profit organizations offered in this year's campaign makes a difference today and for generations to come.

You may already contribute to individual organizations independently, but please keep in mind that the SECC is the only fundraising campaign authorized to solicit charitable contributions in the state employee workplace and it is the only workplace-giving program authorized for payroll deduction for state employees.

The DPS campaign began Sept. 15 and ends on Nov. 29. With your help, we can surpass last year's efforts. As the DPS campaign coordinators begin delivering donation forms along with the list of charitable organizations, I encourage each employee to consider donations to the organizations that are most meaningful to you. For those of you who choose to give in this manner, I thank you in advance for choosing the State Employees Combined Campaign as your vehicle for charitable giving.

Sincerely,

Frank L. Perry

Secretary, N.C. Department of Public Safety



What the budget means to DPS

By Department of Public Safety Staff

On May 14, the North Carolina General Assembly convened in Raleigh for its scheduled 2014 legislative short session to revise the 2013 biennium budget and address emerging issues that required immediate action. The priorities of the 2014 Legislative Session were primarily focused on the state budget, including teacher pay, Medicaid shortfalls and coal ash.

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Public Safety saw many improvements that will better equip the department in carrying out its mission.

The DPS legislative liaison team, below, was a vital communication link between the General Assembly and department senior leadership.

From left, **Andy Brandon**, **Ryan Combs** and **Jarret Burr**.

Photo by **George Dudley**, editor.



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During the two-and-a-half month session, the legislature held numerous committee meetings and passed nearly 500 bills. Members of the General Assembly reached an agreement on the budget, then passed and ratified the budget bill, S. 744, on Aug. 2. Gov. Pat McCrory signed the budget into law on Aug. 7.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) saw many improvements to this year's revised budget that will better equip the department in carrying out its mission. The base budget for the department increased from \$1.69 billion in 2013 to \$1.74 billion in 2014. Members of the Justice and Public Safety Committee were aware of budget cuts sustained by DPS over the last few budget cycles, and understood the importance of funding critical public safety needs. While many of the department's priorities were realized, DPS was not spared from making some departmentwide and agency-specific cuts.

One of the highlights of the 2014 budget was the restoration of agent positions to the Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE). In 2013, ALE suffered a \$1.75 million cut to its \$8.9 million budget, forcing the elimination of 13 filled agent positions. Fortunately, DPS secured one-time funding in 2013 through the ABC Commission and the Governor's Crime Commission to maintain the 13 positions until the issue could be addressed in the short session.

To underscore the importance of maintaining those positions, the department encouraged members of the General Assembly to learn more about the role ALE serves in North Carolina. Many members accompanied ALE agents on a variety of operations during the legislative interim to gain an understanding of the ALE mission. The result of this effort was the restoration of recurrent funding for the 13 agents.

The legislature restored funding for the trooper experience-based step increase plan that had been frozen for the last six years. The step provides a 5 percent-6 percent raise for all troopers not presently at top pay. Troopers already at the maximum pay range will receive \$1,000 salary increases along with all other state employees. The budget also allotted \$863,384 for new trooper uniforms and \$100,000 to the N.C. Trooper's Association Caisson Unit to purchase a new truck and trailer. This unit provides memorial support to fallen law enforcement officers and firefighters.

One of the most high profile changes of the short session was the transfer of the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) from the



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

Department of Justice (DOJ) to DPS. The legislative intent of the transfer was to make the SBI an independent agency, free from political influence.

The SBI is now housed administratively under the DPS Division of Law Enforcement, which oversees the administrative and management functions. SBI investigations and personnel issues are managed by newly appointed Acting Director **B.W. Collier**. Before joining DPS as the director of ALE in October 2013, Collier spent 26 years with the SBI. The director also oversees the functions of ALE, which became a branch of the SBI as part of the transfer. The budget directs the governor to nominate a permanent SBI director by May 1, 2015, who then must be confirmed by the legislature. Once confirmed, the director serves an eight-year term. Other entities transferred from DOJ to DPS include Private Protective Services and the Alarm Systems Board.

The ABC Commission was also transferred to DPS in the 2014 budget from the Department of Commerce. This move is an administrative change; the commission will remain an independent agency with direct accountability to the governor. The core function of the ABC Commission is to serve as the state's regulator for all alcoholic beverages. The law enforcement community is integral to the long-term success of the ABC Commission's cur-

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rent initiative to reduce underage drinking in North Carolina. The joining of DPS and the ABC Commission builds a solid foundation for the initiative's future.

The 2014 legislative short session brought about several changes for the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice. Many of these changes will save the department millions of dollars by enhancing services offered and streamlining operations.

Two prisons, Fountain Correctional Center for Women in Nash County and North Piedmont Correctional Center for Women in Davidson County, will close as a result of the declining prison population. These two closures will save the state more than \$6.3 million annually.

Female inmates displaced by the upcoming closures will move to Eastern Correctional Institution, a medium custody male prison being converted to house female inmates. Due to the numerous prison closures, one prison regional office and the female command office will also close, offering additional savings of more than \$1 million.

To streamline operations and continue to maximize efficiency, management functions at Tillery Correctional Center and Caledonia Correctional Institution in Halifax County will be consolidated. Because these two prisons are adjacent, by combining management functions, an additional \$1.5 million will be saved.

Prior to the 2014 legislative session, North Carolina was one of three states still housing misdemeanants in state prisons. With the passage of S. 744, that is no longer the case. Misdemeanants convicted on or after Oct. 1, 2014, and DWI offenders convicted on or after Jan. 1, 2015, will serve their sentences in local jails. The state will provide funding to counties to pay for housing,

transportation and medical care for offenders through the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program (SMCP). SMCP is managed by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association. It is projected the state will save more than \$4.3 million a year as a result of this change.

The state continues to reap the rewards of the Justice Reinvestment Act. Passed in 2011, this forward-thinking legislation has reduced the

To help contain costs, the budget allows re-opening closed prisons to confine probationers for certain violations.



DPS Engineering file photo.

probation revocation and recidivism rates to everyone's benefit.

As part of Justice Reinvestment, offenders who violate their probation are subject to a 90-day sentence at a Confinement in Response to Violation (CRV) facility. To help contain costs, the legislature included language in the budget to allow DPS to re-open closed prison facilities to use as CRVs. The department has identified two facilities for immediate use. The first CRV will be in Burke County and become operational in October 2014. The second CRV will be in Robeson County and will open its doors in February 2015. S. 744 also provides funding for 100 new probation officer positions.

The DPS leadership has expressed pride in the working relationship that has been built between the department, the executive branch and the legislature. The department has worked diligently to communicate with legislators and provide them the information needed to truly understand the day-to-day operations of the agencies that make up DPS.

To meet needs created by changing demographics in the state's prison population, Eastern Correctional Institution, above, in Greene County is being converted from a male prison to one that will accommodate female inmates.

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DPS welcomes SBI

A new law enforcement partnership was established with the move of the State Bureau of Investigation from the Department of Justice to the Department of Public Safety. The SBI director and 259 special agents have the full resources and administrative support of DPS at their disposal to assist in their mission of assisting local law enforcement, district attorneys, federal investigators and federal prosecutors.

"SBI personnel are excited to join other state law enforcement agencies within DPS, all with the goal of protecting the public," said **B.W. Collier**, acting SBI director. "We look forward to working with our DPS partners so that we may be more efficient and effective in our efforts."

The move enhances the capabilities to share and analyze intelligence information among DPS's other law enforcement agencies.

Since its founding in 1937, the SBI has had state-wide jurisdiction in criminal cases. The SBI has original jurisdiction in drug investigations, state property crimes, arson, Internet crimes against children, election law violations and more. The agency also provides arson investigations, a bomb squad and a polygraph unit. Upon request, agents also work closely with local law enforcement agencies, providing crime investigation expertise and ensuring "the speedy apprehension of criminals." (1995-1996 *North Carolina Manual*). Those requests are frequent and range from homicide investigations to child pornography cases. (See box below).

While a local law enforcement agency has original jurisdiction over its case, the SBI typically has resources that can provide additional expertise. Agents also collect evidence to be used in court.

As technology has advanced, so has criminal data storage. Each year, the State Bureau of Investigation releases its county-by-county statistical crime report,

which shows crime trends and helps legislators determine funding priorities.

DPS Secretary **Frank Perry** is also very optimistic and excited about the transfer of the SBI.

"With the move of the SBI, the collaborative partnership between the agency and all of DPS law enforcement professionals is strengthened, which greatly benefits the public and local law enforcement by providing more efficient, streamlined assistance," Perry said. "We look forward to providing great customer service to the police chiefs, sheriffs and district attorneys when we are called upon." ▴

Examples of the kinds of cases the SBI frequently investigates and services it provides at the request of a police chief, sheriff, district attorney or superior court judge are:

Homicide	Murder-suicide
Child pornography	Marijuana eradication
Polygraph test	Theft
Fire scene fatality	Bomb squad
Sexual misconduct	Child abuse
Pharmacy shopping	Embezzlement
Shooting/assault	Domestic violence
	Fraud
	Missing police evidence
	Detention center hanging
	Methamphetamine laboratories / manufacturing and trafficking
	Illegal drugs / heroin, crack cocaine, oxycodone tablets

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While the major changes outlined above mostly fall within Law Enforcement and Adult Correction, it should be noted that many other modifications were made throughout the department as a result of the short session. These changes include:

Salary Adjustment — Provides a \$1,000 annual recurring salary increase for permanent full-time employees.

Special Annual Leave Bonus — Provides five additional days of annual leave to full time employees on Sept. 1, 2014 (no expiration).

NCVAN — Eliminates the grant to the NC Victims Assistance Network. This reduction has no impact on services provided by state agencies to victims of crime.

State Highway Patrol Vacant Trooper Positions — Eliminates 35 vacant trooper positions.

Hazardous Materials and Regional Response Teams — Creates a fee structure for facilities that store or process hazardous materials. Funds generated by the fee will be used to fund the Hazardous Materials Database for use by first responders and to support seven Regional Response Teams.

Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) Technology — Transfers funds from the Department of Commerce's Disaster Relief Fund to the Geospatial Technology Management Section of Emergency Management for LiDAR topographical mapping technology.

Juvenile Justice Facilities — The budget authorizes DPS to use approximately \$1.7 million in Repair and Renovation funding originally earmarked for a kitchen renovation at Dobbs Youth Development Center to instead fund the implementation of the 2014 Juvenile Justice Facilities Strategic Plan.

Tarheel Challenge — The budget included funding for the operation of the Tarheel Challenge Academy in Stanly County. The National Guard's Tarheel Challenge is a residential school for high school dropouts to move them toward earning a GED and better life skills. It also provided funds to support full-time staff in the Salemburg Academy. ▴

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Facilities celebrate successes

By **Keith Acree**, Communications Officer

Across the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, staff members and offenders are observing September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery month with special events and celebrations. At DART Cherry in Goldsboro, a 90-day residential treatment program for males on probation or parole, the facility hosted its 25th annual recovery month event Sept. 10. For the first time, the event was held outdoors under a tent, so the entire population could participate. Nearly 300 probationers at varying stages in the treatment pro-

gram heard an inspiring message from former Wilmington TV meteorologist Colin Hackman, himself a 2002 DART Cherry graduate, about his struggle with alcoholism, his recovery path to success and about how he learned humility while he was in the program.

Students in the Building Opportunities for Skills and Success (BOSS) class at DART Cherry presented their latest project. The class prepares students for the workplace through exercises that form fictional companies with each student assuming a role as an officer or em-

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ployee. This class formed a business named Fire Restoration Services and their business plan and marketing materials included a mockup of a home restored after a fire, complete with photos of the fire damage and a detailed model of the restored, painted and redecorated home.

Winners of a recovery poster contest received ribbons and two probationers sang original recovery-themed songs they had composed on the guitar. Community Corrections Director **Anne Precythe** addressed the program's participants as well.

Recovery month programs at other facilities have included success stories, showcases of offender talents, contests and competitions.

Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Programs (ACDP), within the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, provides substance abuse treatment programs at prisons across the state and at two residential centers for probationers and parolees. Nineteen treatment programs operate in 18 prisons. DART Cherry in Goldsboro is the residential treatment center for male probationers and Black Mountain Substance Abuse Treatment Center in Buncombe County provides similar services for female probationers.



Above left, participants in the DART Cherry celebration had fans for warding off summer heat and found themselves fans of original musical compositions by program residents, above. **Anne Precythe**, right, makes a point about the treatment programs.

Photos by Keith Acree, communications officer.

"More than 60 percent of the people entering prison have an alcohol or drug use problem that needs treatment," said **Wrenn Rivenbark**, ACDP clinical director. "Our counselors provide that [treatment] through our evidence-based education and programming. We try to change thinking in order to change behavior."

All ACDP programs begin with a thorough clinical assessment to determine the severity of substance use and abuse. Curriculums vary for males and females based on gender specific needs. Nearly 4,000 offenders complete ACDP treatment programs each year. ▴



Conference draws large crowd of women who work in criminal justice

By **Patty McQuillan**
Communications Officer

APEX | **Susan Walker**, Community Corrections District 3 manager, was one of several speakers at a day-long workshop sponsored by the Women Working in Criminal Justice Association, Aug. 8, at Wake Technical Community College.

More than 300 correctional officers, probation and parole officers, mental health workers, personnel from local law enforcement agencies, the State Highway Patrol, Emergency Management, the U.S. Marshal Services and administrators attended the conference that emphasized continuing education and offered help in preparing women for career advancement in government.

Walker talked about how a woman contributes to her own environment through self-esteem and self-control.

“To be better women, to be visionaries, to make a difference in someone else, you have to feel good about your-

self,” Walker said. “It’s not just eating right, but being right and true to yourself.”

Walker instructed the women – and the men – who attended the conference to look at all the dimensions of their lives: occupational, physical, intellectual, spiritual, emotional and social:

Occupational: At work, have a positive attitude and don’t let others determine one’s happiness. Make work meaningful. Being happy, for example, can calm an inmate.

Physical: Correctional officers do a lot of walking each day, but Walker said that is not real exercise. She recommends getting the heart-pounding physical activity that keeps people healthy and off pills. When running down a hall or a street responding to a call, officers shouldn’t arrive out of breath.

Intellectual: Challenge yourself and help mentally stimulate yourself.

Spiritual: This is all about our human existence – finding

Posing for pictures with guest speaker Roxy Lopez, center, a reality TV star, are **Gwen Norville**, left, Division of Prisons assistant director, and **Susan Walker**, a Community Corrections manager who also spoke at the conference.



‘As women, we have to be on top of our game.’

Roxy Lopez, a New York police detective

the higher ground in whatever form. It’s a part of who you are, and it’s there to support you during the toughest time of your life.

Emotional: Understanding your feelings, self-reflection. Control how you feel about others. You are the one who makes you the happiest.

The workshop’s guest speaker was Roxanne “Roxy” Lopez, a detective with the Spring Valley, N.Y., police department and member of the New York-New Jersey regional fugitive task force. For several years, Lopez appeared on the A&E television program “Manhunters Fugitive Taskforce.”

Lopez talked about her career with the Spring Valley Police Department as the agency’s first female on SWAT team, first Spanish speaking officer and the female Hispanic detective. She said she went from

a small pool to working in an ocean when she became part of the regional fugitive task force, which focuses on high profile cases — guns, major assaults, rape and such. The task force works with the U.S. Marshal Service, the departments of Homeland Security, Social Services, immigration and parole agencies. They were able to apprehend 526 fugitives in January and 444 in February of this year.

“As women, we have to be on top of our game,” Lopez said.

LaShonda Scott, program director at Nash Correctional Institution, chaired the conference and said, “The Women Working in Criminal Justice event this year has been one of the biggest events that we’ve ever had. I am hearing nothing but rave reviews from everyone. ▴

Left and below, women found the conference presented numerous opportunities for valuable networking, socially reconnecting and being inspired by guest speakers.

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



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SBI sets prescription take-back day for Sept. 27

RALEIGH | The State Bureau of Investigation, along with Safe Kids North Carolina and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, is co-sponsoring a national effort to safely dispose of unused prescription medicines in locations across the state from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Medications are the leading cause of child poisoning, according to Safe Kids, a non-profit organization that helps parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries. Environmental experts say that flushing medicines down the toilet contaminates water supplies and hurts aquatic life.

"Taking expired, unwanted or unused medicines to one of the pill take-back locations is the best disposal method," SBI Director **B.W. Collier** said. "This coordinated effort keeps harmful drugs out of the reach of children and prevents chemicals from ending up in the water supply."

From Aberdeen to Pilot Mountain, law enforcement agencies are participating in U.S. DEA's National Take-Back Initiative. For those who do take old medications to drop-off locations, the service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

State and local law enforcement officials oversee the collection of the drugs, the State High-

way Patrol provides vehicles to transport the medication and personnel, and the DEA pays to have the medications destroyed at an Environmental Protection Agency approved incinerator.

North Carolinians have safely disposed of approximately 61 million total doses at pill take-back events since 2009.

"Through these partnerships we are able to remove potentially deadly drugs from households so that they cannot fall into the hands of unsuspecting young people or drug abusers," said SBI Special Agent in Charge **Donnie Varnell** of the Diversion and Environmental Crime Unit. "This effort provides the safest way to dispose of old medications."

According to DEA, medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to misuse and abuse, and a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

To find a collection site in North Carolina, go www.dea.gov, click on "Drug Disposal" in the right-hand column, and then click on "National Take-Back Initiative / Locate a Collection Site Near You."

The site will be continuously updated with new take-back locations. ▴



Operation Medicine Drop at Wellness Expo

At the 2014 Wellness Expo for state employees, SBI Special Agent **Scott Faircloth**, left, oversees the Operation Medicine Drop as DPS Graphic Designer **Kathy Mason** discards her pet's prescription medications. The SBI reported collecting approximately 50,000 pills at the Wellness Expo. The meds are turned over to the federal Drug Enforcement Agency to be destroyed at an Environmental Protection Association-approved incinerator. Representatives of Correction Enterprises' optical services were also among the agencies and vendors such as Duke Heart Center, NC Flex, N.C. Physical Therapy Association, WeSave, YMCA, The Ark of Wake County, The Celiac Bakery, SEANC, SECU, Rex Healthcare, MedFirst Medical Center, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Happiest Place Vacations, Hospice of Wake County, Amerian Red Cross and Juice Plus: Go Get Well.

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

New SHP link helps find cars

RALEIGH | The State Highway Patrol has added a link to its website that will help the public locate vehicles stored by the Highway Patrol.

The Towed/Stored Vehicle Search link provides the owner's last name, the vehicle's license plate number or the vehicle's identification number (VIN). The link also gives the address and phone number of the the company that towed the vehicle.

Stored vehicles that have been abandoned, improperly parked or involved in a collision will be reflected in the list. Updated daily, the information reflects a 60-day history and is available to the public 24 hours a day. Information on vehicles seized and stored pursuant to criminal arrest will not be in the list.

For more information on how to locate a stored vehicle, visit www.ncdps.gov and click on the State Highway Patrol link. ▴

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NCNG airmen help renovate Latvian schools

ADAZI, Latvia | Two Latvian schools got some renovation during a 15-day training deployment of N.C. National Guard airmen in August.

Nearly 40 airmen from the N.C. National Guard's Airlift Wing, participated in the renovation projects.

"Excellent job here," said Belmont resident Technical Sgt. Matthew Johnston, of the 145th Civil Engineering Squadron, the unit conducting the mission. "Lots of good training."

The mission had the airmen honing their military engineering skills by installing a safety fence around a school campus in Adazi, not far from the Latvian capital.

"We're putting in some personnel gates, some rolling gates and some swinging gates," said Sr. Master Sgt. Jeff Young of Belmont.



The work also gives the NCNG airmen experience in working with Latvian civilian engineers and soldiers, reinforcing already-strong bonds with an American ally.

Called a Humanitarian and Civic Assistance project, this type of mission provides training opportunities for American military units while at the same time adding value to communities in partner nations.

Latvia, a small nation of slightly more than 2 million residents, lies on the Baltic Sea and shares borders with fellow Baltic nations Estonia and Lithuania as well as Belarus and Russia. At one time a republic of the former Soviet Union, Latvia, now part of NATO and the European Union, regained its independence in 1991 when the communist nation disintegrated. ▴

In addition to installing some safety fencing at a school near the Latvian capital, the airmen also worked high and low. Above, airmen help with the installation of new roof, while others, below, made some foundation repairs. *Photos and article by the N.C. National Guard.*



Program teaches inmates to grow and feed

Residents of nearby nursing homes have benefitted from fresh vegetables produced and distributed under a program that teaches inmates at Odom Correctional Institution how to create and tend an organic vegetable garden. Vegetables produced were squash, cabbage, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions and green beans. Above, **Vincent Patton**, left, Odom CI groundskeeper, makes a delivery of vegetables to Luther Jenkins, administrator at Pine Forest Nursing Home in Potecasi. Nursing home officials expressed appreciation for the produce.

Mental health crisis training completed

Doug Sorrell, a juvenile court counselor in Johnston County, was one of 11 people who completed a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training academy conducted in August by Johnston County Mental Health Center and Johnston Community College.

CIT trains law enforcement and other first responders how to handle crises involving people with mental illness, intellectual disabilities and alcohol and substance use disorders.

The training helps first responders to recognize mental health issues and crises, de-escalate crisis situations and enhance and maintain safety. It also provides guidance in directing individuals with mental illness to the appropriate health care systems and reduce their involvement in the criminal justice system. ▴

News Roundup: DPS agencies in crime fight mix

'Blue Thunder' in Mitchell County

The State Bureau of Investigation joined multiple local and federal law enforcement agencies in carrying out an undercover operation in Mitchell County that resulted in 20 arrests on 151 charges involving marijuana, methamphetamine, steroids and prescription drugs in late August.

Officers also seized 10 vehicles, one residence and cash during the operation, which was dubbed Blue Thunder.

The investigation grew from numerous complaints to local law enforcement agencies that large quantities of drugs were being sold at a specific location. SBI agents helped conduct surveillance, gather intelligence and make undercover drug buys.

The Mitchell County sheriff said the results came from all of the agencies working together.

Salisbury hotel operation raided

SALISBURY | Alcohol Law Enforcement agents helped Salisbury police carry out an investigation into drug sales, prostitution and robberies at a motel on Bendix Drive.

In mid-August, after a two-month probe, search warrants were served at Economy Inn and at a residence in East Spencer as a result of the combined efforts.

The 52 charges filed included the sale, possession, trafficking, and delivery of cocaine, possession and sale of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Wilmington chief cites ALE assistance

WILMINGTON | Police Chief Ralph Evangelous reported that violent crime in downtown Wilmington has decreased dramatically since 2012 when a new alcohol permitting process went into effect and additional Alcohol Law Enforcement agents provided enforcement on bar crimes in the city.

According to the Wilmington Star News, Evangelous said the entire process has worked well to prevent problem bars from operating in the city limits.

"We've been able to close them and not re-issue those permits, and we think that has had kind of a cause and effect," Evangelous told the Star News. "There's a lot of success stories coming out of the downtown, so I'm real happy with the results and I know the council is and I know that the people who live downtown are happy with the results."

D.J. Hales, ALE special agent in charge of the Wilmington district office, said the cooperation among the law enforcement agencies was tremendous and was a major reason for the dramatic decrease in violent crime that had been occurring in downtown Wilmington. — *Patty McQuillan*

PPOs bust meth labs

Several Community Corrections officers were responsible for the arrests of drug manufacturers and sellers during July and August.

In District 10, Probation and Parole Officers **Michelle Morris** and **Joseph Cripe** detected a meth lab at a probationer's residence. Working with Wake County

deputies, the probationer and two other people were arrested.

PPO **Michelle Creech** in District 11, using a warrantless search, discovered that a probationer's vehicle was being used for a mobile meth lab. With the assistance of Smithfield police, the offender and two others, who were also absconders, were arrested.

Another meth lab was found in Lee County by District 11 PPO **Crystal Gillis**. She and members of the SBI and Lee County Sheriff's Department found the meth lab during a search of a residence in Lee County.

District 14 PPOs **Allyson Rogers** and **Thomas Newcomer**, along with an Orange County deputy, located and arrested an absconded probationer who had nine active warrants for his arrest and was also charged with possession of a firearm by a felon.

A charge of possession of a firearm was also made against an offender in Burlington where District 15 PPOs **Cheryl Morris**, **Lewis Summers**, **Sheryl Brooks** and **John Taylor**, along with Burlington police, conducted a warrantless search of a probationer's residence. Two handguns and 63.5 grams of marijuana were seized, and the offender was also charged with manufacturing drugs and possession with intent to sell drugs.

District 15 PPO **Phillip Rose**, assisted by Person County deputies, discovered several large marijuana plants growing in a vegetable garden at a probationer's residence. The investigation revealed the plants belonged to the probationer's grandfather.

Adult Correction employees cited

April Murphy, a District 11 PPO, was named Law Enforcement Officer of the Month by District Attorney Susan Doyle in July.

PPOs **Lisa Jones** and **Betsy Terry** of District 9 worked the Safe Kids Booth at Oxford's National Night Out 2014, demonstrating the importance of not leaving kids in the car. The demonstration included cooking s'mores on the dashboard of a car to show the intensity of the heating.

Two District 9 PPOs are Guardian Ad Litem Advocates in Vance County. As such, **Lucy Young** and **Joanne Hargrove** are trained community volunteers who are appointed, along with a Guardian ad Litem attorney, by a district court judge to investigate and determine the needs of abused and neglected children petitioned into the court system by the Department of Social Services.

District 16 PPO **Katrina Pollard** worked extensively with a probationer who was a marijuana user and heavy drinker with low self-esteem. Using her abilities to read body posture and employing praise and encouragement, Pollard got the probationer into treatment, where he did well enough to be chosen to give a speech at the program completion ceremony. Pollard's actions demonstrated the value of time and effort.



Several Department of Public Safety employees were involved in the Johnston Baptist Association's Beginning of the Year Luncheon that welcomed the return of the Johnston County Schools family with special show-of-support luncheons. Hundreds of teachers enjoyed free meals courtesy of the Johnston Baptist Association, of which **Dade Sherman**, District 11 probation/parole officer, is a member and long-time organizer of the event. Other DPS employees participating were **Marshall Pike**, classification coordinator; from Johnston Correctional Institution, **Chris Batten** (program director), **Janet Olive** (personnel assistant), **Annie Reid** (programs supervisor) and Lt. **Jacinta Langston**; and **Sandy Boyette** and **Kim Haswell**, Johnston County probation. Above, N.C. Supreme Court Justice Paul Martin Newby, right, presents a plaque to a Johnston County business sales director for providing 18 years of support during the Back-to-School luncheons. Also assisting in the presentation are Justice Bob Edmunds and Dade Sherman.



Officer survivability

Firearms instructors from across the Department of Public Safety gathered at Wake Tech in Raleigh Sept. 4 for a conference hosted by the Office of Staff Development and Training. Instructors heard presentations from OSDT director Charles Walston and from an expert on officer survivability. They also inspected some of the latest gear from vendors and had an opportunity to test a very realistic video-based firearms training simulator.

Left, Probation and Parole officer **Wallace Gibbs** is tested on the firearms training simulator by a scenario featuring an armed and aggressive probationer.

Photos by Keith Acree, communications officer.



Prison dog training program marks 10th anniversary

BAYBORO | Dogs jumped through hoops, stood tall and even waved to the crowd as the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice held an event on Sept. 10 at Pamlico Correctional Institution to mark the 10th anniversary of its “New Leash on Life” dog training program.

The program teaches inmates to become dog trainers. The inmates then train dogs to be good pets or the dogs might otherwise go unadopted.

In the 10 years since its inception, the program has employed more than 2,000 inmates and trained more than 2,100 dogs.

Several inmate dog trainers from around the state conducted a show of skills with the dogs they have trained. ▴



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Administration

Employee's Name, Job, Organizational Unit

Charles Carter, training instructor II, OSDT Eastern Region Training
William Fox, maintenance mechanic V, Facility Management
Brian Murray, personnel director II, Human Resources
Frederick Strickland, administrative officer II, Combined Records
George Thiessen, administrative assistant II, Combined Records
Jonathan Zimmerman, facility maintenance supervisor IV,
 Facility Management, WRMY Facility Unit 2

Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Angie Booker, probation/parole officer, District 10-A
Nikita Boone, probation/parole officer, District 7-B
Melissa Boyd, chief probation/parole officer, District 9
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Employee's Name, Job, Organization, Length of Service

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