

From the Commissioner

Thanks to your help, we ended 2016 with an overwhelmingly successful Toys for Tots Drive. This year, we shattered all previous records with the collection of 1,245 toys and 11 bicycles. Wow! Your generosity along with the generosity of our toy partners, both old and new, never ceases to amaze me.

In addition to the toys, the department also collected \$525 in monetary donations on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve 2016 Toys for Tots Drive. It is a blessing each year to see all the toys and know we are helping make Christmas possible for many needy families throughout North Carolina.

It is hard to believe that this year marked our 15th year participating in the Toys for Tots Drive. Lee Peacock who achieved the rank of gunnery sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, began the drive in the Charlotte office 18 years ago. Three years later, Lee suggested to me that we extend the drive to all NCDOL offices statewide and make it a department-wide event that would culminate at my annual Christmas Open House in the Labor Building. Over the past 15 years, we have watched the drive expand to include our neighbors at the Department of Justice, State Auditor's office, Governor's Office, Lieutenant Governor's Office and N.C. Department of Commerce.

I'd like to thank Lee Peacock and the following team of captains who helped coordinate this year's event:

Asheville: Tena Clark

Winston-Salem: Mary Perkinson

Wilmington: Howard Laurie

Lake Boone Trail: Curt Davis and Angela Woods

Old Revenue Building: Dee Bryant

Labor Building: John Luckado

I'd also like to thank those who helped the Marines load the toys onto the military truck parked in front of the Labor Building after the event so the toys could be distributed back into the communities from which they were collected. This special day could not happen without your help.

I look forward to interacting with each of you at some point as we work to begin a new year!

Cherie



NCDOL employees with Marines: (L-R) Art Britt, Amy Jaeger, Brent Wood, Crystal Moss, John Luckado, Jennifer Haigwood, Dee Bryant, Lee Peacock and Sarah Beth Koonce.

Employee News

- * Congratulations to Don Kinney (Boiler Safety) for passing the National Board Team Leader Exam and earning his Team Leader Credential. He is now qualified to audit boiler and pressure vessel repair organizations to ensure that they meet the requirements of the National Board Inspection Code.
- * Congratulations to Jeremy Smith (Boiler Safety), who has qualified as an Authorized Nuclear Inspector and will be working to ensure that replacement parts being built for nuclear power plants meet the requirements of the ASME Code.

* Congratulations to Francisco Rodriguez (ASH), who received the Puckett Award in a presentation by Commissioner Berry on Dec. 13. The award recognized his efforts to provide excellent service to agricultural employers and employees throughout North Carolina. The ASH Bureau established the award in memory of former ASH inspector Everett Puckett, who died in January 2007.

* Forrest Wilson has earned acceptance in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Program at UNCG. Over 160 UNCG theater students auditioned for one of 16 spots in the program. He is the son of Jeff Wilson, Publications.

* Autumn Wilson has been accepted at East Carolina University, where she plans to earn a nursing degree. She is the daughter of Jeff Wilson, Publications.

New Hires

* Dean Edwards, Inspector, Elevator

* Celestine Chestnutt, Administrative Assistant I, Wage and Hour

* Griselle Negron, Safety Compliance Officer I, OSH West Compliance

Job Changes

* Darrell Dye, from Elevator Inspector to Senior Elevator Inspector, Elevator

* *Correction:* Ted Wall, from Elevator Inspector to Inspection Supervisor, Western Area B

Separations

* Mark Allen, Health Compliance Officer II, OSH West Compliance

* Ulysses Slade, Safety Compliance Officer I, OSH East Compliance

Retirements

* Tom O'Connell, Health Compliance Officer I, OSH East Compliance

* Karen Kelly, Administrative Assistant II, OSH East Compliance



Francisco Rodriguez (ASH) receives the Puckett Award in a presentation by Commissioner Berry.

Upcoming Birthdays

1-2 Gregory Greene

1-4 Roseanne Morgan

1-5 Corey Partridge

1-6 Elnora Russell-Fields

1-7 Kirby Atwood

1-8 Carl Hunter

1-12 Amanda Carroll

1-13 Amy Jaeger

1-14 Danny Mattfield

1-15 Brandon Carter

1-15 Stephen Green

1-15 Carlene Harris

1-16 J.J. Bulluck

1-16 Kevin Higham

1-19 Kristi Bryson

1-21 Carra Herring

1-21 Paul Sullivan

1-23 Dawn Beasley

1-23 Donald Chapman

1-23 Crystal Moss

1-24 Melissa Bowman

1-24 Robert O'Neal

1-25 Dee Bryant

1-25 Karissa Sluss

1-26 Lori Burns

1-26 George Calvery

1-27 Leighton Dowdle

1-28 Allison Edwards

1-28 Dorothy Strickland

1-31 Francisco Rodriguez

Wreaths Across America

Four employees of the Education, Training and Technical Assistance Bureau volunteered Dec. 13 to unload 433 boxes with nine wreaths in each at Raleigh National Cemetery. This was one of three trucks making deliveries to the cemetery for Wreaths Across America. The organization coordinates volunteers each December to place wreaths on individual veterans' graves in over 1,100 locations throughout the U.S. and with additional ceremonies at sea and at each of the national cemeteries on foreign soil.

The organization encourages every volunteer who places a wreath on a veteran's grave to say that veteran's name aloud and take a moment to thank them for their service to our country. It's a small act that goes a long way toward keeping the memory of our veterans alive.

We are not here to “decorate graves.” We’re here to remember not their deaths, but their lives.

Karen Worcester, Executive Director
Wreaths Across America



John Jaskolka, Cory Dunphy, Dee Bryant and James Washington stand in front of boxes of wreaths they were unloading at Raleigh National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America

Miles for Wellness

Congratulations to NCDOL's "East in Motion" for ranking 63rd in the Super Hare Division during the state's recent Miles for Wellness challenge. With over 500 North Carolina state agency teams registered for the fall 2016 challenge, East in Motion was able to steadily climb the team rankings. In an effort to support workplace wellness the team of 10 OSH Compliance co-workers accumulated 6,257,937 steps, or the equivalent of 3,129 miles trekked. East in Motion started the challenge in Raleigh and visited several national parks along the way before basking in the sun on the Californian coast.

(l-r) Scott Justice, Doreen Makaya, Melinda Boyette, Angela Woods, Jacqueline Shaver, Nicole Brown, Joe Long, and Mia Pearson. On assignment and not pictured: Austin Geisler and Mark Rasdall.



Public Training Services from ETTA

BY MARCY COLLYER, EDUCATION AND TRAINING SUPERVISOR

Considering all the new faces, I wanted to remind everyone about ETTA's public training services. ETTA offers a variety of safety and health training to the public through leader led classes and webinars. Our courses range from one hour to 30 hours and are offered in both English and Spanish. We independently host many classes through the North Carolina Community College System, and we also offer a Speakers Bureau that allows an employer to request training at its worksite. An employer can request on-site training by accessing our Outreach Services request form on the NCDOL website: <http://www.nclabor.com/osha/etta/outreach/outreachprocedure.htm>.

Please share this information with your clients as appropriate. If you know of companies that need training in Spanish but may be reluctant to use the speaker request form, please direct them to Reggie Matthews at 919-807-2970 or Reggie.Matthews@labor.nc.gov.

For more detailed information about our services, please see the following details:

Speakers Bureau: Training, Speakers, Booths, Labor One, Webinars

Trainers are available to address a variety of regulated workplace safety and health topics (typically one- to two-hour presentations). Our training programs address basic safety and health issues and regulatory compliance criteria. Our programs are intended to be a supplement to the site-specific and hands-on training each employer must address for specific OSH standards. Our training programs do not offer a hands-on component. Refer to our course catalog for a brief description of the topics offered:

www.nclabor.com/osha/etta/outreach/External_Course_Catalog.pdf

OSH staff are also available to speak to associations, conference attendees, etc. on services offered by the N.C. Department of Labor.

Labor One Mobile Training Unit

NCDOL's mobile classroom brings information and training on safety and health regulations and safe work practices to workers at their job-sites across the state of North Carolina. Labor One can be used for job-sites and remote locations without a classroom or for public relations events. Labor One can accommodate up to 12 people comfortably.

Booths

Display booths staffed by experienced OSH personnel are available for conferences, exhibits and fairs. Brochures and bulletins describing NCDOL services and other workplace safety and health resources are provided at the booths. To request training or a speaker, please submit an Outreach Request Form using the link below:

www.nclabor.com/osha/etta/outreach/outreachreqform.htm

Webinars

We host a variety of webinars throughout the year. Most of these are scheduled and posted on our calendar, but these can also be requested through our speaker's bureau. Please use the link below to access our current calendar:

www.labor.communications.its.state.nc.us/OSHPublic/ETTA/class_regist/calendar.cfm

30-Hour Courses

We host four 30-hour courses a year—two general industry and two construction industry. We rotate these around the state and focus on large geographic areas. We usually use the community college small business centers or other government facilities. We open all of our courses to the public and require a minimum seating for 50 people (comfortably seated in an environment conducive to adult learning, workshop style).

10-Hour Courses

We host around 16 to 20 10-hour courses a year. These are split between general industry and construction as well as English and Spanish. We manage these like the 30-hour courses, but we are able to reach more remote and smaller locations across the state because the courses are shorter and require fewer resources.



Labor One at a construction site in Johnston County.

What's New @ Your Library

BY NICK VINCELLI, LIBRARIAN

New Print Titles

* *NFPA Journal* (Nov.-Dec. 2016). NFPA, 2016.

* *National Electrical Code* (NFPA 70-2017). NFPA, 2016.

- * *National Electrical Code Handbook*. NFPA, 2016.
- * *Safety and Health for Engineers* (3rd edition). Wiley, 2016.
- * *Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respiratory Protection Standard* (OSHA 3384-09). USDOL-OSHA, 2011. Donated by OSH Administration.
- * *Site Safety Guide for Mast Climbing Work Platforms*. Aerial Work Platform Training, 2006. Donated by OSH Administration.

Online FYIs

- * *Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution Standard*
https://www.osha.gov/dsg/power_generation/
- * *Employer-Reported Workplace Injuries and Illnesses–2015*
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/osh.pdf>
- * *Keep Workers Safe on the Road*
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/motorvehicle/nemvs/pdfs/CMVSIInfographic.pdf>
- * MSHA on Twitter
https://twitter.com/MSHA_DOL
- * *NIOSH Research Rounds* (December 2016)
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/Research-Rounds/resroundsv2n6.html>



Left: The Christmas tree in the Labor Building with a few of the 1,256 toys donated to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve 2016 Toys for Tots Drive by NCDOL employees and employees of our partner agencies. Above: OSH Division employees get ready for their holiday feast.