

From the Commissioner

The 2010 NCDOL Annual Report will be available online March 1. The report provides an overview of each bureau and division's core mission and explains how we serve the citizens of North Carolina. Please build time into your busy schedule to read it and learn more about what your colleagues do. I look forward to reading the report in its entirety and sharing it with the public.

Much of March is spent preparing for the upcoming safety and health schools. There are a total of seven schools scheduled across the state in 2011. The Eastern Carolina Safety and Health School and the Charlotte Safety and Health School are both scheduled for April 6-8, followed by Hickory April 14. (Click here for the complete schedule.) As with any successful event or program, there is a lot of coordination and preparation that goes on behind the scenes. I would like to thank the school coordinators—John Saunders, Nancy Wooten, Russell McCue, Marcy Collyer and Ric Cruz—and all the other NCDOL employees involved with the safety schools.

The safety schools provide a platform for addressing current and timely information on occupational safety and health issues. Providing the classes in the east, west and central part of the state allows us to reach as many employers and employees as possible. I look forward to attending these schools and speaking to the participants as we work to keep workplace safety in the forefront of their minds during these challenging economic times.

March is also spent preparing for the annual safety award season, which will kick off its 65th season on March 29 in Lincolnton. Thanks to the work of Eursula Joyner, safety awards coordinator, the participation and interest in the program continue to grow each year. Last year the program distributed a total of 2,592 awards, up from 2,342 the previous year. I'd like to recognize and thank Sandra Allen, Dennie Brooks, Shirley Curtis, Susan Harper and all of the consultants who contribute and provide the much needed support that has allowed Eursula to orchestrate these first-class events. I look forward to attending all 30 of the banquets and being a part of this team effort.

Keep up the great work.



Employee News

- Congratulations to Jeff Cole, Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau, for receiving a Value Added Award on Feb. 2. The award noted Jeff's outstanding performance in applying detailed inspection techniques that resulted in preventing severe injury to the riding public. His attention to detail and dedication to his craft are in keeping with the highest standards set forth by the bureau.
- Our condolences to the friends and family of Bob Phillips, who died Feb. 6. Bob was an OSH compliance officer in the Asheville office.
- Our condolences to Dannette Christman, Budget, on the death of her mother, Ernestine Holloway, Feb. 24.

New Hires

- Illarion Gopadze, safety compliance officer, OSH Compliance East, Raleigh
- Jane Gilchrist, general counsel, Administration, Raleigh

Job Change

- Wesley Tart, elevator inspection supervisor, transfer from Eastern Area A to Eastern Area B, Elevator

Separation

- Randy Thomas, safety compliance officer I, OSH Compliance East, Raleigh

Retirement

- Jerry Smith, elevator inspector supervisor, Elevator, Raleigh

NCDOL Goes Red

NCDOL employees in the Lake Boone Trail office helped support Nicole Brown's sorority's "Pink Goes Red" campaign to support heart health awareness among women. Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. try their best not to wear red unless it's to support a good cause. Their colors are pink and green. So that is why they called their participation and support of the heart health awareness campaign "Pink Goes Red"!

More information about the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign is available on the website www.goredforwomen.org.

NCDOL employees at the Lake Boone Trail office wore red on Feb. 4 to support heart health awareness among women.



Upcoming Birthdays

3-1 Betty Herbster	3-15 Steve Brockman	3-23 Herman Parker
3-4 Deidre Duncan	3-15 John Bogner	3-24 Bob Reynolds
3-5 Phil Leslie	3-15 Sybil Bray	3-25 Darrell Dye
3-5 Lauren Norton	3-15 Trey Schneller	3-27 Danny Boykin
3-5 Erin Gould	3-16 Jeanine Alston	3-27 Shirley Curtis
3-7 Jorge Cardenas	3-17 Jason Holtz	3/27 Tony McKnight
3-9 Jeff Barnhill	3-18 Dannette Christman	3-28 Sam Atassi
3-9 Pam Short	3-18 Shari Phelps	3/29 Deborah Durbin
3-11 David Bullock	3-19 Darius Chisholm	3-30 Art Britt
3-11 Lee Peacock	3-20 Andy Sterlen	3-30 Nancy Hall-Davis
3-13 Lawrence Calhoun	3-21 Felicia Hoover	3-30 Nicole Thompson
3-13 Jack Given	3-21 Robert Martin	3-31 Steve Hardin
3-14 Nancy Parker	3-23 Carrie Boring	
3-14 Jerry Smith	3-23 Dafang Zhao	

Gold Star Grower Luncheon

The Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau held its 17th Annual Gold Star Grower Luncheon on Feb. 2. The event was held in the Gov. James G. Martin building at the N.C. State Fairgrounds on the opening day of the N.C. Department of Agriculture's Southern Farm Show. More than 170 people attended.

Gold Star growers are those whose housing meets 100 percent of the requirements during the pre-occupancy inspection and who have gone beyond the requirements. Double Gold Star growers (who have met the 100 percent threshold for two consecutive years) are eligible to conduct their own housing inspections. The 98 Double Gold Star growers were invited to the luncheon, in addition to 103 Single Gold Star growers.

In 2009, the ASH Bureau created the Ronald Frederick Hudler Workplace Safety Training Award in memory of Ron Hudler. Ron made safety training a priority for his employees. As a part of this training, he periodically set up several training stations that focused on the different types of equipment used on his farm and employees rotated through each of these stations. This type of training is carried on today by his son, Dale. This year's award recipients were Ricky and Trellis Lasley.

The bureau presented three additional awards at the luncheon:

- Most Improved Housing: R.H. Byrd Jr.
- Outstanding Double Gold Star Grower: Kenneth Fann
- Best New Construction: David Hopkins



Ricky Lasley receives the Ron Hudler Workplace Safety Training Award at the 17th Annual Gold Star Grower Luncheon. Dale Hudler (left) helped Commissioner Berry and Lauren Norton present the award.

What's New @ Your Library

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Revised Audiovisual List

- <http://www.nclabor.com/lib/liblist.htm>

This page has been updated to reflect new titles and other revisions.

New Print Title

- *A Guide to the OSHA Excavations Standard* (2011 edition). NCDOL/OSH, 2011.

Online FYIs

- *OSHA National Emphasis Program—Microwave Popcorn Processing Plants*
http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/Directive_pdf/CPL_03_DIR_11-01.pdf
- *Respiratory Protection for Healthcare Workers Training Video* (An online OSHA video.)
<http://www.dol.gov/dol/media/webcast/20110112-respirators/>
- *Stay Safe at Work*
<http://www.healthfinder.gov/prevention/ViewTopic.aspx?topicId=76>