

## From the Commissioner

In May, Andy Sterlen with ETTA will lead a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) exercise for the department. The purpose of the exercise is to practice our response as an agency should we face a catastrophe like a terrorist attack, epidemic or natural disaster. I look forward to participating in the exercise and would like to thank Andy for his work on this initiative. The tornados that recently hit North Carolina are a reminder of just how important proper planning and preparation can be.

I went to Lee County the Thursday after the storm hit and had the opportunity to speak with some of the workers and residents affected by the storm. Many of them shared their experiences and their plans with me. It was inspiring to see a community band together to help one another. Competitors were helping competitors get back on their feet. Businesses that were not damaged provided food for those cleaning up debris. Neighbors were helping neighbors.

I will never forget the devastation at Lowe's. But what is more amazing is that no one was seriously injured or killed when the tornado hit. The two store managers on duty have been credited with saving the lives of their customers and co-workers because of their quick reaction to move everyone to the back of the store. They had been trained that the back of the store, where the bathrooms and hallways existed, was the safest part of the store. The assistant manager stated in an interview that the training became instinct.

Behind Lowe's was another company that suffered extensive damage. Static Control Systems is one of the sponsors of the Sanford Safety Awards banquet. I was impressed with their resilience and how quickly they were able to get back to work. They were up and running, emailing and doing business by the following Monday.

The deputy sheriff who was showing some of the damage commented that he wished he could give me a tour of all the beautiful things in the Sanford community as opposed to the devastation. I told him that he had shown me the most beautiful part of the Sanford community—he'd shown me the hearts of the people who live and work in his community.

I will head back to Sanford in June for the annual Safety Awards banquet. I look forward to going back and checking on the progress they have made.

I wish I could have visited all of the communities damaged by the storm, but I am certain that the same generosity of spirit I witnessed in Lee County exists across our state. It's amazing how a crisis can bring out the good in people.

*Cherie*

## Employee News

- Congratulations to Mike Daniels on the birth of his first grandchild. Mackenzie Ann Keith was born April 4. Mike works in Publications.
- Congratulations to Darius Chisholm on the birth of his daughter. Kameryn Sanai Chisholm was born April 17 and weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and 21 inches. Darius works in Compliance West.
- Congratulations to Forrest Wilson, who will star as Orin the Dentist in the West Johnston High School production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, May 19–21. Forrest is the son of Jeff Wilson, Publications.

*Andy Sterlen of ETTA leads a training session on automated external defibrillators April 19 as Kathy Canady cradles her avatar and looks on.*



- Tina Morris-Anderson, director of Research and Policy, will perform with the North Carolina Symphony on May 6 and 7 at Meymandi Concert Hall in Raleigh. Tina is one of two featured sopranos in the symphony's "Blues in the Night" program.
- Our condolences to Betty Herbster on the death of her mother, Phyllis Pritchard, March 27. Betty works in Apprenticeship and Training.
- Our condolences to Dean Strickland on the death of his brother, Bill Strickland, April 26. Dean works in Boiler Safety.
- Our condolences to David Poole on the death of his brother, Steve Poole, April 26. David works in Consultative Services.

## Separations

- Jennifer Presnell, investigator I, Wage and Hour, Charlotte.
- Daisy Graziano, processing assistant V, PSIM, Raleigh.
- Gene Washington, elevator inspector, Elevator, Raleigh.

## Boiler Safety Bureau Reaccredited

BY JACK GIVEN, BUREAU CHIEF

Boiler Safety successfully passed the accreditation review by ASME to renew our Authorized Inspection Agency authorization for three more years. This authorization enables us to work as third party inspectors in shops building boilers in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. Since we are totally receipt funded, this gives us a little more money to help with costs.

## What's New @ Your Library

BY NICK VINCELLI, LIBRARIAN

### New Print Titles

- *A Guide to Forklift Operator Training* (2011 ed.) NCDOL/OSH, 2011.
- *Progress Toward Safe Nanotechnology in the Workplace*, CDC/NIOSH, 2010. Free NIOSH publication.

## Upcoming Birthdays

5-3 Kevin Beauregard	5-10 Charlie Cash	5-15 Neesia Hill
5-3 Lori Kees	5-10 Cory Dunphy	5-16 Krish Chhabria
5-5 Brian Harper	5-11 Gregory Gollick	5-19 Rodger Griffin
5-5 Sarah Jones	5-11 Mike Hopper	5-20 Lamont Baldwin
5-6 Judy Durham	5-12 Gary Thorpe	5-23 Mary Perkinson
5-8 Curt Davis	5-12 Thomas Wilder	5-24 Ervin Shaw
5-8 Johana Furr	5-13 Brian Scott	5-27 Jackie Myers
5-10 Richard Brown	5-13 Grady Bebbler	5-27 Ted Hendrix



## Online FYIs

- *Distracted Driving: No Texting*  
<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/3416distracted-driving-flyer.pdf>
- *The Economic Burden of Occupational Fatal Injuries to Civilian Workers in the United States Based on the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, 1992-2002*  
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2011-130/pdfs/afinal.pdf>
- *Fall Protection in Residential Construction*  
<http://www.osha.gov/doc/guidance.pdf>
- *Preventing Sensitization and Disease from Beryllium Exposure*  
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2011-107/pdfs/2011-107.pdf>
- *Radiation Dispersal From Japan and the Effect on U.S. Workers*  
<http://osha.gov/radiation-japan/index.html>

## ProLogger Safety Training

Eric Smith, safety consultant with the Consultative Services Bureau, recently spoke to a group of 37 loggers attending a North Carolina Forestry Association (NCFA) ProLogger class. Eric is a valued team member of the department's SEP Logging and Arboriculture Committee.

The class was held at Lenoir Community College in Kinston on April 6–8. ProLogger classes focus on safety, the environment, business and transportation issues. Loggers attend two full days of classroom instruction followed by a third day of additional instruction at an active logging site.

ProLogger classes are held at various community colleges and forest products facilities three times per year. A second class is scheduled for June 1–3 at Forsyth Community College, Winston-Salem. CSHOs are encouraged to attend! Contact CSHO Leighton Dowdle in Asheville for details if you're interested in attending.



Above: Eric Smith, Consultative Services, teaches at a ProLogger class in Kinston. Below: Participants from the class.

