

# LABOR N.C.

For All NCDOL Employees  
October 2011

## From the Commissioner

Fair season is well underway across North Carolina. I can feel the excitement in the air as I make my way across the state visiting with North Carolina's smaller agricultural fairs.

The Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau has established voluntary partnerships with 23 fairs for the 2011 season. The partnerships promote safety on midways and aim to prevent careless accidents caused by ride operators, children and the general public.

During fair season, the department participates in three ride safety press conferences—the Mountain State Fair, the Dixie Classic Fair and the N.C. State Fair. The press conferences give us the opportunity to brief the media on the status of the amusement ride inspection process and answer any technical questions they might have. TV reporters will often go behind-the-scenes to cover the ride inspection process to share with viewers.

The Mountain State Fair press conference was held on Sept. 8 in Fletcher, and the Dixie Classic's took place on Friday, Sept. 30, in Winston-Salem. The N.C. State Fair safety press conference is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 13, at 10:30 a.m. At the State Fair, ride inspectors will have more than 100 amusement rides to inspect before the gates open to the public.

Once again NCDOL's booth at the State Fair will be located in the Scott Building. We are in booth 16, which is the same location as last year. I'm looking forward to stopping by and visiting with those who have volunteered to work a shift.

The annual apprentice contests will begin on Monday, Oct. 17. The contests take place behind the Jim Graham Building, beside the poultry tent. If visiting the fair with family or friends, please stop by to watch the competitions:

Masonry .....	Oct. 17
Electrical .....	Oct. 19
Carpentry .....	Oct. 20
Plumbing/Pipefitting .....	Oct. 21
HVAC .....	Oct. 21

As we enter into the final quarter of 2011, you will begin receiving emails about the Employee Appreciation Program. Between now and the first of the year, 81 employees will be recognized for service and superlative awards. I look forward to personally recognizing these employees for their contributions to the department and their service to our state.

*Cherie*

*Gary Moore is interviewed by Sherill Barber of WLOS at the Mountain State Fair.*



*Commissioner Cherie Berry joins inspectors from the Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau at the Mountain State Fair. From left to right: David Sosebee, Preston White, Patrick Helton, Commissioner Berry, Tommy Petty, Ron Henegar and Gary Moore.*



## Employee News

- Congratulations to Renathe Cotten, Human Resources, for receiving a certificate of appreciation in recognition and appreciation for her outstanding service by initiating a Beacon audit of timesheets. Her patience and assistance to DOL employees, along with ensuring that the Beacon system accurately reflected correctly the time for the entire department, will result in accurate records for future computation of retirement and other benefits.
- Congratulations Hollis Yelverton, ETTA, for receiving a certificate of appreciation in recognition and appreciation for her outstanding leadership as NCDOL safety and health coordinator. Her willingness and dedication to handle this additional role along with normal job requirements demonstrates the qualities that help the N.C. Department of Labor succeed in serving the citizens of our state.
- Our condolences to Jeff Wilson, Publications, on the death of his father, John Wilson, Sept. 16.
- Our condolences to the family and friends of Shirley Coley, who died Sept. 25. Shirley worked for the OSH Division from December 1987 until her retirement at the end of last year.

## New Hires

- Danny Harrell, boiler inspector, Boiler Safety, Elm City.
- Jesus Mendoza, safety compliance officer I, OSH, Wilmington.

## Separation

- Andra Parnell, boiler inspector, Boiler Safety, Shelby.

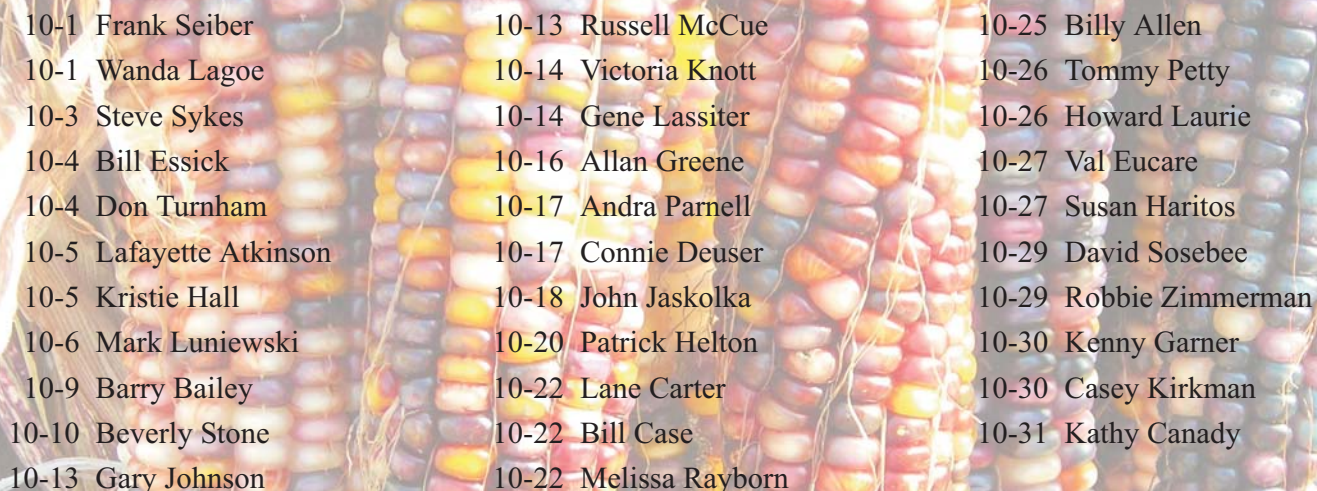
## SECU Supports the Troops

The State Employee Credit Union has launched its Second Annual "SECU Supports the Troops" campaign, a statewide effort in support of North Carolina's National Guard and reservists. The campaign is a holiday initiative to collect items for deployed N.C. soldiers, providing gifts from home during their tour of duty.

The collection efforts began in branches statewide Sept. 15 and will conclude Oct. 31. More information, including a list of acceptable donations, is available through local branches and on the SECU website at [www.ncsecu.org/PDF/Highlights/2011WishList.pdf](http://www.ncsecu.org/PDF/Highlights/2011WishList.pdf).

The NCDOL Committee to Honor Military Family Members will hold the department's annual collection drive later this fall to send care packages to the family members of NCDOL employees who are stationed out of state or overseas.

## Upcoming Birthdays



10-1 Frank Seiber	10-13 Russell McCue	10-25 Billy Allen
10-1 Wanda Lagoe	10-14 Victoria Knott	10-26 Tommy Petty
10-3 Steve Sykes	10-14 Gene Lassiter	10-26 Howard Laurie
10-4 Bill Essick	10-16 Allan Greene	10-27 Val Eucare
10-4 Don Turnham	10-17 Andra Parnell	10-27 Susan Haritos
10-5 Lafayette Atkinson	10-17 Connie Deuser	10-29 David Sosebee
10-5 Kristie Hall	10-18 John Jaskolka	10-29 Robbie Zimmerman
10-6 Mark Luniewski	10-20 Patrick Helton	10-30 Kenny Garner
10-9 Barry Bailey	10-22 Lane Carter	10-30 Casey Kirkman
10-10 Beverly Stone	10-22 Bill Case	10-31 Kathy Canady
10-13 Gary Johnson	10-22 Melissa Rayborn	



## Fire Prevention Week: Protect your Family from Fire!

What's the best way to protect your family from fire? Be ahead of the game, of course. With more than 360,000 home fires reported in the United States in 2009, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), your best defense is a good offense.

Oct 9-15 is Fire Prevention Week. The NFPA campaign this year focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires—cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. Additionally, it urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning.

In 2009, 2,565 people died in home fires. Nearly all of these deaths could have been prevented by taking a few simple precautions like having working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan, keeping things that can burn away from the stove and always turning off space heaters before going to bed. Fire is a dangerous opponent, but by anticipating the hazards, you are much less likely to be one of the nearly 13,000 people injured in home fires each year.

Follow these tips for protecting your home and family from fire:

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.
- Have a 3-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Use deep, wide ashtrays on a sturdy table.
- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

People need to provide the best protection to keep their homes and families safe in the event of a fire. This can be achieved by developing an escape plan that you practice regularly and equipping homes with life-saving technologies like smoke alarms and home fire sprinklers.

The following tips will help keep your family safe if there is a fire in your home:

- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home (including the basement).
- Interconnect all smoke alarms in the home so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly and replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond when tested.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to respond if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible ways out. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- If you are building or remodeling your home, consider installing home fire sprinklers.



# 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 Titles

- *ASP Home Study Workbook ...* (2011 edition). SPAN International Training, 2011. Donated by Wanda Lagoe/ETTA.
- *Annual Book of ASTM Standards ... v. 15.07 (Sports Equipment and Facilities; Pedestrian/Walkway Safety and Footware; Amusement Rides and Devices)*, ASTM, 2010.
- *Bowen EHS Book of CIH Exam Practice Problems: 50 Questions*. Bowen EHS, 2010. Donated by Wanda Lagoe/ETTA.
- *CSP Home Study Workbook ...* (2011 edition). SPAN International Training, 2011. Donated by Wanda Lagoe/ETTA.
- *Industrial Refrigeration Training Manual*. Gartner Refrigeration & Manufacturing Inc., 1999.
- *Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts* (ASME A18.1-2008). ASME, 2008.
- *Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators ...* (ASME A17.3-2008). ASME, 2008.
- *Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes* (ANSI Z49.1: 2005). American Welding Society, 2005.
- *Side Boom Tractors ...* (ASME B30.14-2010). ASME, 2010.
- *Specification for Welding, Earthmoving, Construction, and Agricultural Equipment* (AWS D14.3/D14.3M: 2010). American Welding Society, 2010.
- *Structural Standard for Antenna Supporting Structures and Antennas* (ANSI/TIA-222-G-2005). Telecommunications Industry Association, 2005.

## New DVDs

- *Fire Safety: Alert, Aware, Alive* (DVD 588--English/Spanish/Portuguese/French). Coastal; 16 min.; 2003.
- *Lead Safety: On the Job* (DVD 600--English/Spanish/Portuguese). Coastal; 19 min.; 2003.
- *Personal Protective Equipment: Real, Real Life* (DVD 371--English/Spanish/French). Coastal; 15 min.; 1997.
- *Respiratory Protection: Another World* (DVD 710--English/Spanish/Portuguese/French). Coastal/Dupont; 19 min; 2010.

## Online FYIs

- *Floods*  
<http://www.osha.gov/dts/weather/flood/index.html>
- *Grain Handling Hazard Card*  
[http://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA\\_3329.pdf](http://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA_3329.pdf)
- *Indoor Environmental Quality Evaluation at a Health Clinic ...*  
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/hhe/reports/pdfs/2010-0168-3136.pdf>
- *Occupational Noise Exposure*  
<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/noisehearingconservation/index.html>
- *Wildfires*  
<http://www.osha.gov/dts/wildfires/index.html>
- *Worker Entry Into Grain Storage Bins*  
<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/grainstorageFACTSHEET.pdf>