

From the Commissioner

The N.C. State Fair begins Thursday, Oct. 11, and runs through Sunday, Oct. 21. Once again, we will participate in the Department of Agriculture's safety press conference prior to the gates opening to the public. This is our opportunity to update the public on the status of the ride inspection process and promote ride safety on the midway with patrons.

If the weather holds out, we will invite Commissioner Troxler and members of the media to test-drive a few of the rides afterward. I hope we also find time to sample some of this year's new deep-fried concoctions. Rumor has it there will be deep-fried Girl Scout cookies on the midway.

During the course of the fair, I will present awards to the winners of the apprentice contests and visit the NCDOL booth.

The apprentice contests are shaping up to be exciting competitions. We currently have nine contestants registered for the new masonry pre-apprentice contest, and there are 17 teams of two high school students registered for carpentry. In addition, the electrical contest has 30 contestants registered with three alternates. Twenty more contestants will compete in the pipefitting, plumbing, masonry and HV/AC-R contests. Click [*here*](#) for the schedule of events and other information about the contests.

The NCDOL booth will once again be located in the Scott Building. This year we are introducing a new trivia game that we hope will be fun and engaging for kids and adults who visit our booth. Volunteers for the booth will learn how the trivia game works at the training session scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 4.

I'm looking forward to attending the OSHCON Region IV Project managers meeting on Oct. 9 in Wilmington with Consultative Services. Some of the topics that will be covered include the role of consultation and SHARP; federal budget information; the vision and outlook for Consultative Services; Region IV updates and SHARP success stories in both general industry and public sector. It should be an informative and interesting conference.

As we head into the final quarter of 2012, you will begin receiving emails about the Employee Appreciation Program. Seventy-four of our colleagues will be recognized for their service to the state and/or for superlative awards. I look forward to personally recognizing these employees for their contributions.



Employee News

- Congratulations to John Bogner on the birth of his first grandchildren. Bradley Arthur Larson and Samantha Marie Larson were born Sept. 2 to John's daughter Danielle and her husband Ben. John is the bureau chief for Consultative Services.
- Congratulations to Carrie Boring on the birth of her daughter. Penelope Eve was born Sept. 21, weighing in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and 21 inches. Carrie works for the OSH Review Commission.

New Hires

- Pam Kitchen, office assistant IV, Elevator, Raleigh.
- Antwan Pippen, apprenticeship consultant, Apprenticeship and Training, Raleigh.
- Pamela McGimpsey, apprenticeship consultant, Apprenticeship and Training, Charlotte.

- Sherry Phillips, processing assistant III, OSH, Winston-Salem.
- Tyrome Davis, wage and hour investigator I, Wage and Hour, Western District.
- William Bond, safety compliance officer I, OSH, Raleigh.

Job Changes

- Abby Newton, from health compliance officer II in Compliance West to OSHA industrial hygiene consultant, Consultative Services, Winston-Salem.
- Darius Chisholm, from health compliance officer I in Compliance West to OSHA safety consultant II, Consultative Services, Charlotte.

OSH Review Commission Moving

The N.C. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission will be moving Oct. 1, 2012. The new physical address will be Lee House, 422 N. Blount St., Raleigh. Their telephone numbers and the mailing address (1101 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1101) will remain the same.

The Lee House at 422 N. Blount St. will be the new home of the OSH Review Commission's offices in Raleigh.



Upcoming Birthdays

10-1 Wanda Lagoe	10-13 Russell McCue	10-25 Billy Allen
10-3 Steve Sykes	10-13 Scott Justice	10-26 Tommy Petty
10-4 Bill Essick	10-14 Victoria Knott	10-26 Howard Laurie
10-4 Don Turnham	10-14 Gene Lassiter	10-27 Val Eucare
10-5 Lafayette Atkinson	10-16 Allan Greene	10-27 Susan Haritos
10-5 Kristie Hall	10-16 Nathan Chapoton	10-29 David Sosebee
10-6 Mark Luniewski	10-17 Connie Deuser	10-29 Robbie Zimmerman
10-8 Antwan Pippen	10-18 John Jaskolka	10-30 Kenny Garner
10-9 Barry Bailey	10-20 Patrick Helton	10-30 Casey Kirkman
10-10 Beverly Stone	10-22 Lane Carter	10-31 Kathy Canady
10-12 Pam Kitchen	10-22 Bill Case	
10-13 Gary Johnson	10-22 Melissa Rayborn	

State Web Portal Redesigned

ITS, with the help of all state agencies, has modernized the design and updated the content of www.nc.gov. Volunteer teams of state employees from several agencies focused on design, ease of use and navigation. The site has undergone lots of user testing, but we know we need more.

This is your chance to take a look at the new site and provide comments. Click **here** to read about the redesign. Use the link on that page to fully review the new site. Then provide feedback using the survey link at the top of each page.

State employees will also want to check out the employee directory. It can be found under “Contacts” at the top of every page. This directory uses contact information found in Beacon, with email fed by the employee’s NCID account (as long as it’s a work email—personal email addresses are not included). There’s a separate survey for the directory—you’ll find a link to the survey under search results. Concerns about the data should be addressed to Human Resources.

What’s New @ Your Library

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New Titles

- *Commercial Turf Care Equipment—Pedestrian-Controlled Mowers and Ride-On Mowers* (ANSI/OPEI B71.1-2012). ANSI, 2012.
- *Commercial Turf Care Equipment—Safety Specifications* (ANSI B71.4-2004). ANSI, 2004.
- *Definitions and Nomenclature Used for Fall Protection and Fall Arrest: Part of the Fall Protection Code* (ANSI/ASSE Z359.0-2012). American Society of Safety Engineers, 2012.
- *IEEE Guide for Protective Grounding of Power Lines* (IEEE STD 1048-2003). IEEE, 2003.
- *Industrial Head Protection* (ANSI/ISEA Z89.1-2009). International Safety Equipment Association, 2009.

Online FYIs

- *Components for Evaluation of Direct-Reading Monitors for Gases and Vapors*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2012-162/>
Addendum: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2012-163/>
- *Electrical Standard eTool* (OSHA Subpart S)
http://www.osha.gov/dsg/etools/subpartS/subpart_s_etool.html
- *Emergency Response Health Monitoring and Surveillance (ERHMS)*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/erhms/>
- *Longshoring and Marine Terminals “Tool Shed” Directive*
http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/Directive_pdf/CPL_02-00-154.pdf
- *Security Guard Safety: On Guard Against Workplace Hazards*
<http://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2012/02/art1full.pdf>
- *West Nile Virus*
http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/west_nile_virus.pdf