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For All NCDOL Employees
November 2012

From the Commissioner

I am happy to report that the Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau wrapped up another successful fair season with no major reportable injuries attributed to the mechanical failure of a ride. Ride inspectors provide an outstanding service to county fairs throughout the state and to the public. It is nice to see them get some recognition and publicity during fair season.

And speaking of publicity, the masonry contest at the N.C. State Fair received a visit from Scott Mason with WRAL. Scott interviewed Eddie Reeves, the contest coordinator, along with some of the judges and contestants for his popular series called the Tar Heel Traveler. It turned out to be nice publicity for the masonry contest. Click [here](#) to view the coverage if you missed it:

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped us make the fair booth a success this year. I had a lot of fun visiting some of you and especially enjoyed the new trivia wheel we had. Thanks to Tom Chambers, Mike Daniels and Jeff Wilson for making the wheel.

Please mark your calendars for the 2012 Christmas Open House and the culmination of the department's annual Toys for Tots drive scheduled for Friday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. Once again, Lee Peacock will spearhead the Toys for Tots drive on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps. Lee and his many building-coordinator helpers will officially kick off the drive in the very near future. In the meantime, if you are out shopping over the upcoming Veterans and Thanksgiving Day weekends, you might want to pick up an extra toy to contribute to the drive. Each year I am amazed with your generosity.

As we wrap up 2012, it is my privilege to recognize employees who have reached service award milestones. In addition, I have the honor of presenting several Commissioners' Award for Excellence in Service, East and West field employees of the year, and the Employee of the Year, which is selected by a group of his or her peers. Between now and Dec. 17, I hope to personally meet with each recipient to congratulate them for their accomplishments. So far, we have been able to visit with and recognize employees in Boiler Safety, PSIM, and Wage and Hour.

To date, Anne Weaver with PSIM and Don Kidd with Boiler have been the first recipients of the Commissioner's Award for Excellence in Service. Anne and Don earned this award through their dedication to their jobs and for their service to the department. Videos of recipients are available on the 2012 Employee Appreciation link on the intranet.

Cherie



Reporters from News 14 and NBC 17 interview Tommy Petty at the N.C. State Fair.



Commissioner Berry takes a turn at asking trivia questions in the NCDOL booth at the State Fair.

Employee News

- Congratulations to Connie Deuser (ETTA) and Bennett Allen (Compliance East) on receiving the OSH Construction Safety Specialist certification. Commissioner Berry presented their certificates to them on Oct. 2.



Commissioner Berry presents OSH Construction Safety Specialist certificates to Connie Deuser (above left) and Bennett Allen (above right).



- Congratulations to Mike Morrow (Wage and Hour) on receiving the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Commissioner Berry presented Mike with the certificate at a surprise retirement party for him at Carolina Barbecue in Garner on Oct. 30. Mike retires at the end of the year after 37 years with the Department of Labor.
- Congratulations to Anne Weaver on the birth of her grandson. Taylor Clay Weaver was born Oct. 1, weighing in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and 21 inches long. He is the son of Anne's son, Landon, and daughter-in-law, Tracy.

New Hire

- Phillip Sykes, agricultural safety compliance officer I, ASH, Raleigh.

Separations

- Jeremy Putnam, health compliance officer I, OSH, Asheville.
- Misty Branch, health compliance officer I, OSH, Asheville.
- Jamie Meadows, employment discrimination investigator trainee, EDB, Raleigh.

Retirement

- Bob Sine, safety compliance officer I, OSH, Winston-Salem.



Mike Morrow receives the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Commissioner Berry.

Upcoming Birthdays

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| 11-3 Diedrik Lewis | 11-13 Nancy Wooten | 11-22 Harold Wagner |
| 11-4 Ted Wall | 11-15 Charlene Cross | 11-23 Don Johnson |
| 11-5 Cliff Dautrich | 11-17 John Grindstaff | 11-24 Billy Amerson |
| 11-5 Barry Wilson | 11-17 Nicole Ingram | 11-25 Michael Feliciano |
| 11-5 Kathleen Woodford | 11-17 Brenda Couch | 11-26 Leonard Mangum |
| 11-6 Rex Edwards | 11-18 Nancy Carpenter | 11-27 Doug Jones |
| 11-8 Kimberly Grayson | 11-19 Gary Franks | 11-27 Chris Moore |
| 11-8 Rod Wilce | 11-19 Bill Best | 11-27 Jiles Manning |
| 11-9 Bruce Pearson | 11-20 Lee White | 11-28 Alan Fortner |
| 11-11 Cohen Elgin | 11-21 Hollis Yelverton | 11-28 Kathy Ragan |
| 11-11 Felecia Parks | 11-22 Allison Jay | 11-29 Julian Blumenfeld |
| 11-12 Kyle Baker | 11-22 Eddie Reeves | 11-30 Margie Jones |

NC 529 Contribution Deadline

Planning to make a contribution to the NC 529 College Savings Plan for 2012? See contribution deadline details at www.CFNC.org/NC529. Make that contribution sooner rather than later!

Wage and Hour employees celebrated Halloween early at a birthday party the week before the holiday. From left to right, Mike Morrow, Blanca Acevedo, LuJuana Patterson, Shannon Council, Adrianna King and Selenia Genao.



OSH Train the Trainer Courses

In August and September 2012, the second OSH 500 and 501 Train the Trainer Courses were offered at the Lake Boone Trail field office. These courses are hosted by ETTA and open to industries in the OSH Special Emphasis and Star programs.

Graduates earn the ability to issue OSH 10- and 30-hour awareness cards to their employees. Each course involves an intense week of interactive training focused on instructor skill sets, requiring students to successfully deliver a 45-minute presentation to graduate. This additional training leverages the ETTA training section, allowing OSH to train employees that may not otherwise have access to training. Eighteen students attended the OSH 500 course, and 11 students attended the OSH 501 course.



OSH Division employees join graduates of the OSH 500 (left) and OSH 501 (right) Train the Trainer courses that were held at Lake Boone Trail in August and September.



ProLogger Course in Marion

The North Carolina Forestry Association's (NCFA) ProLogger Program graduated 25 new ProLoggers after a three-day class in Marion. Also completing the ProLogger course were eight NCDOL employees.

"I really enjoyed these three days," responded one of the attendees. Another commented, "You taught me how I can make my site safer, I'll remember that for the remainder of my logging career." And a third summed it all up, "You OSHA people are welcome on my logging site...anytime." (When he was asked where he was working, the logger responded with a smile.)

For the eight NCDOL employees that participated, they saw firsthand the amount of information that is presented to the ProLoggers in a classroom setting, which we can all appreciate, is not the ideal locale for loggers who like to make their living in the woods. The two days in the classroom were crammed full of courses that teach loggers to be

smart, safe and environmentally conscious while working in the woods. Course topics include safety, forest management, environment, business management, regulations and more regulations.

On the third day, the class moves to an active logging job where much of what has been discussed over the past two days is reviewed. So, while retention might be a concern for the loggers, it's the interaction between the CSHOs, the other presenters, and the loggers that makes it all worthwhile in the long run.

"ProLogger is a great class," stated Leighton Dowdle. "We all learned something and even learned a little about each other."

Although the 2013 ProLogger schedule has not been released, CSHOs can expect three classes to be held across the state. The first class is usually in April. Dates will be made available as soon as possible, and CSHOs are encouraged to attend!

ProLoggers at an active logging site in Marion.



Asheville Offsite Workday

The Asheville Field Office recently met for an offsite workday where the topics of discussion and hands-on demonstrations included accident investigation, scaffolding, and the importance of 'proper' witness statements. We worked hard through the topics, had a good time together, and enjoyed a delicious catered meal. In the end we came away from the offsite workday with more than we started with (Barbecue not included).

Since this group picture was taken, our numbers have been reduced by two. Misty Branch and Jeremy Putnam have left the department to pursue separate careers in the private sector. We all are sorry to see them go and wish them the best.



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Video/DVD Database

- https://www.dol.communications.its.state.nc.us/osh/etta/class_regist/library/liblist.cfm

A new database has replaced the library audiovisual list and reflects the library's current video holdings. The database can be accessed from the library's homepage (<http://www.nclabor.com/lib/lib2.htm>) by clicking on the *Video and DVD Title* link.

Revised Standards List

- http://10.21.81.244:8080/etta_one_stop/listingDetails.cfm?&catid=16&subcatid=201

The standards' list has been updated and can be accessed from OSH One Stop Shop (Library Resources page).

New Titles

- *Industrial Head Protection* (ANSI/ISEA Z89.1-2009). International Safety Equipment Association, 2009.
- *North Carolina OSH Standards for Construction* (2012 edition). NCDOL/Manncomm, 2012.
- *North Carolina OSH Standards for General Industry* (2012 edition). NCDOL/Manncomm, 2012.
- *Safety Standard for Conveyors and Related Equipment* (ASME B20.1-2012). ASME, 2012.
- *Specification for Offshore Pedestal Mounted Cranes* (API SPEC 2C-2012). American Petroleum Institute, 2012.

Online FYIs

- *Combustible Dust: An Explosion Hazard*
<http://www.osha.gov/dsg/combustibledust/index.html>
- *Nail Gun Safety—A Guide for Construction Contractors* (Spanish version)
http://www.osha.gov/Publications/NailGun3505_sp.pdf
- *North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics*
<http://www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/>
- *Small Business Resource Guide*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/smbus/guide/>

