

From the Commissioner

On July 1, 1976, a young Appalachian State University graduate began his first job at the N.C. Department of Labor as a statistical assistant III. This young man would eventually assume roles within the Department of Labor as an administrative assistant, a safety compliance officer I and II, and a safety district supervisor before being named the bureau chief for the western district in 1999.

Thirty-seven years later, this now-seasoned veteran, whom we all know as Tim Childers, will end his career where it began and return home to enjoy many well-earned retirement years with his wife, Dawn.

Tim has been a fine supervisor and bureau chief, but his legacy will be the difference he made in the lives of so many employers and in the knowledge he imparted to decades of NCDOL employees. He has been an excellent public servant, and I feel fortunate that he continued his service for 12 years under my administration.

In retirement, I'm sure Tim will continue to enjoy MerleFest each spring in Wilkesboro and begin planning many other excursions by land and sea. I hope he'll send us a postcard to let us know how much fun he is having.

As we bid farewell to Tim, the department welcomes Robby Jones, who was promoted as his successor. Robby has been transitioning into his new role over the past several months. It is comforting to know that the western district is in good hands!

And speaking of endings, the Concord Safety Awards Banquet marked the last safety awards banquet for the 2013 season. I'd like to thank Eursula Joyner and her team for making each of the 30 banquets a success. While the banquets are a collaborative effort between the sponsors, local chambers and NCDOL staff, Eursula is the conductor that brings all the pieces together at the various venues across the state. It has been a privilege for me to be a part of this important initiative, and I look forward to getting back out on the road with Eursula next year.

Cherie



After more than 37 years of service with the state of North Carolina, Tim Childers will retire effective July 1. During his career, Tim has made many positive contributions toward helping the OSH Division with the primary goal of improving occupational safety and health conditions throughout the state. Co-workers wished Tim "aloha" with a cruise-themed retirement celebration on Wednesday, June 26, at the Winston-Salem Field Office. He will be missed!

Employee News

- Congratulations to Johnny Grindstaff on the birth of his first granddaughter. Neelie Drew Grindstaff was born June 13 to Johnny's son Hunter and his wife, Amanda. Johnny was already the proud grandfather of two grandsons. He works in the Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau.

New Hire

- Alexa Cherry, health compliance officer I, Winston-Salem.

Job Change

- Lee Peacock, health compliance officer I to District 2 supervisor, OSH, Charlotte.

Separations

- Jennifer Chrisohon, agency legal specialist II, Legal Affairs, Raleigh.
- Tom Wilder, safety education specialist, ETTA, Raleigh.
- Tiffany Flowers, safety compliance officer I, OSH, Raleigh.

Retirements

- Tim Childers, bureau chief, West Compliance, OSH, Winston-Salem.
- Gene Powell, safety compliance officer II, OSH, Raleigh.

ASH Bureau Training Sessions

The Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau has held two on-farm training sessions for farmers and farmworkers this year. In addition to bureau staff members, employees of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division and health professionals from the Office of Migrant Health have taken part in the training sessions.

The first training session took place in Whiteville in Columbus County on May 14. The second took place in Booneville in Yadkin County on June 26.

Topics addressed included heat stress recognition and prevention; tobacco baler and harvester safety; housing and field sanitation standards; proper wage payment; farm labor contractor regulations; worker protection standard certification; and green tobacco sickness identification and prevention. Each team took a station, and the farmers and farmworkers moved from station to station. Each session lasted about 20 minutes.

The Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau has conducted nearly 20 on-site training sessions since 2008. They strive to conduct three on-farm training sessions during the summer, and each involves multiple growers and their farmworkers. Typically, 100 people are in attendance. All training is conducted in Spanish and English. Bureau staff prefers to work directly with farmers and farmworkers to be able to respond to questions and discuss safety topics that are important to those who attend the sessions.



Phillip Sykes (left) leads a session on tobacco harvester safety during the ASH Bureau's Yadkin County training.

Upcoming Birthdays

7-1 Emily McGill

7-1 Nick Vincelli

7-2 JoAnn Bell

7-2 Mike Smith

7-3 Bill Wallace

7-4 Carey Creech

7-4 Neil Brown

7-5 Terri Burns

7-6 Ron Wells

7-6 Ray Payne

7-6 Trena Smith

7-8 Angela Richardson

7-8 Jim Baker

7-9 Kimberly Bostic

7-10 Nicole Brown

7-11 Dennie Brooks

7-11 Angela Leon

7-13 Lula Powell

7-15 Rebecca Israel

7-16 Derrick Gibbs

7-17 David Poole

7-19 Karen Bogner

7-21 Mildred Rivera

7-23 Eddie Cotten

7-24 Belvin Horres

7-24 Justin DeLancey

7-24 Jesse McGaha

7-26 Brian Tuttle

7-28 Shannon Council

7-28 Nelson Edwards

7-29 Kathy Capps

7-29 Jane Gilchrist

7-29 Evelyn Zoldak

7-30 Randall Raborn

7-31 Amanda Keyes

Firework Safety

On June 26, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued its annual report of deaths and injuries involving legal and illegal fireworks for calendar year 2012. Fireworks can have a life-altering impact on consumers, including severe eye injuries, loss of limbs, and even death.

In 2012, CPSC received reports of six men who were killed by professional-grade, homemade or banned firework devices. In addition, an estimated 8,700 consumers were treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments for fireworks-related injuries.

Sixty percent of all fireworks injuries occur during the 30 days surrounding the July 4 holiday. More than half of these reported injuries involved burns to the hands, head and face. About 1,000 reported injuries involved sparklers and bottle rockets, fireworks that are frequently and incorrectly considered safe for young children.

Follow-up investigations of incidents showed that most injuries were associated with malfunctioning fireworks or improper use. Malfunctioning fireworks often resulted in unexpected flight paths and dangerous debris. Improper use included igniting fireworks too close to someone, lighting fireworks in one's hand and playing with lit or used fireworks. Most victims recovered from their injuries or were expected to recover completely; however, several victims reported that their injuries might be long term.

Consumers who decide to purchase legal fireworks are urged to take these safety steps.

- Make sure the fireworks you want to buy are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers. Parents may not realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees—hot enough to melt some metals.
- Always have an adult closely supervise fireworks activities if older children are allowed to handle devices.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and could pose a danger to consumers.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding the device to prevent a trash fire.



What's New @ Your Library

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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

- *Below-the-Hook Lifting Devices: Safety Standard for Cableways, Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, Hooks, Jacks, and Slings* (ASME B30.20-2010). ASME, 2010.
- *For Commercial Turf Care Equipment—Safety Specifications* (ANSI/OPEI B71.4-2012). ANSI, 2012.
- *For Packaging Machinery and Packaging-Related Converted Machinery* (ANSI/PMMI B155.1-2006). Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute, 2006.
- *For the Safety, Performance and Testing of Dock Leveling Devices* (MH 30.1-2007). Material Handling Industry, 2007.
- General Industry Basic Safety and Health Management Program (NCDOL Industry Guide #110). NCDOL/OSH, 2013.
- *Medical and Dental Office Safety and Health Management Program* (NCDOL Industry Guide #109). NCDOL/OSH, 2013.
- *Standard Practice for Bracing Masonry Walls Under Construction* (Dec. 2012). Masonry Contractors Association of America, 2012. Donated by Wanda Lagoe/ETTA.
- *Start-up, Inspection and Maintenance of Ammonia Mechanical Refrigerating Systems* (IIAR B110-1993/07). International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration, 1993 (rev. 2007).

Online FYIs

- *Chromium*
<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/chromium/index.html>
- *Construction Incidents Investigation Engineering Reports*
<http://www.osha.gov/doc/engineering/EXengrptsr.html>
- *Hot Work Safety on Hollow or Enclosed Structures in Shipyards*
https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA_3585.pdf
- *Hot Weather Takes Toll on Farmworkers*
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_137882.html
- *Servicing Multi-Piece and Single-Piece Rim Wheels*
https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA_3584.pdf
- *Straight Talk About Nail Gun Safety*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2013-149/>