

From the Commissioner

Good news. Our Amusement Device bill unanimously passed the State House by a vote of 116-0. Under current law, an operator can only be criminally prosecuted if the willful act results in a fatality, and even then, it's only a misdemeanor. This bill would raise the criminal act to a felony if the willful act results in serious injury or death.

The bill also increases all civil penalties in the bill. As we experienced with the Vortex incident, the current penalties under the Amusement Device Safety Act are minimal.

We're halfway there. Now the bill heads to the Senate, where it will likely be referred to the Judiciary Committee. I'll keep you updated on its progress.

It was my pleasure to share with you earlier this week that Nicole Brown has accepted the appointment as the new bureau chief for OSH East Compliance. Nicole has served in several roles since coming to the department in 1999 including as a health compliance officer I and II, then to staff industrial hygienist managing the Complaint Desk, and most recently in her current role as OSH Supervisor for District 8.

Please join me in congratulating Nicole on her new appointment. Nicole joins other recent appointments including Phil Hooper, the new deputy commissioner for Standards and Inspections, and Christine Ryan, the new administrator for Wage and Hour. I look forward to their vision and direction for their respective work units moving forward.



Employee News

- Jack Brinson, Budget and Management, graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Citizens Academy on March 3. Casework areas included crisis negotiations, gang violence, counterintelligence, cyberwarfare, public corruption, evidence preparation and analysis, and tactical strategy. A highlight of the training was being able to fire a series of weapons including an M-16, an H&K MP-5 submachine gun, and a 1929 Thompson submachine gun. Moreover, the students were able to detonate a series of explosive devices including C-4.

New Hires

- Amy Snow, OSH consultant supervisor, OSH, Raleigh.
- Tom Wilder, safety education specialist, OSH, Raleigh.

Job Change

- Mary Perkinson, from health compliance officer I to health compliance officer II, OSH, Winston-Salem.

Separations

- Angela Alford, SCO I, OSH, Wilmington.

Retirement

- Mike Tolley, inspector, Elevator, Bermuda Run.

New Amusement Rides at Carowinds

Inspectors with the Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau inspected two new rides located on the North Carolina side of Carowinds. The Sling Shot catapults the two-person capsule nearly 300 feet into the air—nearly as high as the Statue of Liberty—at speeds up to 60 mph. After some brief weightlessness, riders will zoom back toward the ground, often rotating head-over-heels and bouncing up and down until they come to rest at the launch point. There's a surcharge for this ride.

The Fury 325 is the longest steel rollercoaster in North America. The lift track takes you 325 feet in the air and then drops you at 81 degrees at speeds up to 95 mph for a total ride time of 3 minutes and 25 seconds.

The coaster has three trains with each one holding 32 people, and the track length is 6,602 feet with a total weight of the steel for the track system being 2,700 tons. The ride takes up 8.4 acres of the park. Another note is that painting the coaster required 3,400 gallons of paint.



Bob Paytosh (left), rides maintenance manager for Carowinds, and Randall Raborn, inspector with the Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau, prepare to ride the Sling Shot at Carowinds.



Elevator and Amusement Device inspection team members prepare to test ride the Fury 325 coaster after the inspection. From left to right: Klay Kircher, Doug Lucas, Wesley Tart and Ron Henegar.

Upcoming Birthdays

4-1 Bob Kastenhuber
4-2 Brandon Barnhardt
4-2 Marcia Page
4-3 Andrew Gunto
4-4 Amy Snow
4-4 Jeffrey Mitchell
4-6 Bart Evans
4-8 Mark Cole
4-9 Blair Byrd
4-9 Mark Rasdall

4-9 Sam Kirkman
4-9 Tom Savage
4-10 Tim Juneau
4-12 Klay Kircher
4-13 Thomas Rabold
4-14 Ed Lewis
4-15 Doug Lucas
4-17 Rob Jacobson
4-20 Wesley Tart
4-22 Sandra Allen

4-23 Dean Johnson
4-24 Anita Henderson
4-24 Larry Watts
4-26 Jerrick Valerio
4-27 Chuck Murdock
4-27 Mike Tolley
4-27 Elizabeth Cruz
4-29 Crystal Stallings
4-30 Hoyle Hoffman

What's New @ Your Library

By Nick Vincelli, Librarian

New Print Titles

- *Evaluation of Dermatitis Among Sanders in a Furniture Manufacturing Plant*. NIOSH, 2013.
- *Mast-Climbing Work Platforms* (ANSI/SIA A92.9-2011). Scaffold Industry Association, 2011.
- *Minimum Requirements for Workplace First Aid Kits and Supplies* (ANSI/ISEA Z308.1-2014). International Safety Equipment Association, 2014.
- *OSHA Marine Terminal Standards Requiring Programs, Inspections, Procedures, Records and/or Training* (NCDOL Industry Guide #54). NCDOL/OSH, 2014.
- *Portal and Pedestal Cranes* (ASME B30.4-2010). ASME, 2010.
- *Plastics Machinery—Safety Requirements for the Integration of Robots With Injection Molding Machines* (ANSI/SPI B151.27-2013). Society of the Plastics Industry, 2013.
- *Power Piping* (ASME B31.1-2014). ASME, 2014.
- *Process Piping* (ASME B31.3-2014). ASME, 2014.

New DVDs

- *Gold Star Program: Creating and Promoting a Culture of Safety* (DVD 757—English & Spanish). NCDOL/NCSU; 2013; 21 minutes.
- *N.C. Migrant Housing Regulations: Do It Right! Remember, Safety Begins With You* (DVD 756—English & Spanish). NCDOL/NCSU; 2012; 41 minutes. *Donated by Regina Cullen/ASH.*

Online FYIs

- *Chemical Grain Fumigant*
<https://www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib010615.html>
- *Cultivating Compliance: An Agricultural Guide to Federal Labor Law*
<http://www.dol.gov/whd/FLSAEmployeeCard/AgGuideEnglish.pdf>
- *Temporary Worker Initiative: Personal Protective Equipment*
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3780.pdf>
- *Temporary Worker Initiative: Whistleblower Protection Rights*
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3781.pdf>
- *Shipyard Industry Standards*
https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA_shipyard_industry.pdf
- *Stand Tall, Stand Proud, Stand-Down for Fall Safety*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-02-18-15.html>
- *Worker Illness Related to Newly Marketed Pesticides*
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6402a2.htm?s_cid=mm6402a2_e

Safety Awards Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Presentation
Tuesday, March 31	7 p.m.	Lincolnton Cultural Center	Lincolnton
Tuesday, April 14	6 p.m.	LeGrand Center	Shelby
Thursday, April 16	noon	Mebane Arts and Community Center	Alamance
Tuesday, April 21	noon	Willow Springs Country Club	Wilson
Thursday, April 23	noon	South Piedmont Community College	Monroe
Friday, April 24	noon	Embassy Suites	Charlotte
Monday, April 27	6 p.m.	Oliver's	Wadesboro
Wednesday, April 29	noon	AVS Banquet Center	Asheboro
Thursday, April 30	6:30 p.m.	Ahoskie Inn	Ahoskie
Wednesday, May 6	noon	Lane Tree Country Club	Goldsboro
Thursday, May 7	noon	Castle McCulloch (Jamestown)	High Point
Tuesday, May 12	6 p.m.	Rock Springs Events Center	Greenville
Monday, May 18	noon	Stanly Regional Medical Center	Albemarle
Tuesday, May 19	6 p.m.	Morganton Community House	Morganton
Wednesday, May 20	noon	Ramada Inn	Statesville
Thursday, May 21	6 p.m.	Old Country Club Steakhouse	Roxboro
Wednesday, May 27	6 p.m.	Wilmington Community College North Campus	Wilmington
Thursday, May 28	6:30 p.m.	Four Season's Restaurant and Event Centre	Rocky Mount
Friday, May 29	noon	Crabtree Marriott	Raleigh
Tuesday, June 2	6 p.m.	Adelio's Restaurant	Lumberton
Wednesday, June 3	noon	Olivia's Catering	Kinston
Friday, June 5	noon	J. Smith YMCA	Lexington
Tuesday, June 9	6 p.m.	Expo Center	Clinton
Thursday, June 11	noon	The Village Shopping Center	Concord
Tuesday, June 16	6 p.m.	Gastonia Country Club	Gastonia
Thursday, June 18	11:30 a.m.	Pfizer	Sanford
Thursday, June 18	6 p.m.	Vance-Granville Community College	Oxford
Tuesday, June 23	6 p.m.	Asheville Biltmore Park Hilton	Asheville
Thursday, June 25	6 p.m.	Crown Plaza	Hickory
Friday, June 26	noon	Cross Creek Country Club	Mount Airy