

From the Commissioner

We were pleased when Gov. McCrory signed House Bill 39 this summer, which amends the Amusement Device Safety Act to increase the civil and criminal penalties for the violation of safety laws pertaining to amusement devices. The bill sends a strong message to ride owners and operators that tampering with an amusement device will not be tolerated in North Carolina.

When the Vortex incident happened at the N.C. State Fair in 2013, it was the first time our state had dealt with an amusement device accident of that magnitude. The Amusement Device Safety Act was originally passed into law by the General Assembly in 1986, and the civil penalties established at that time had never been updated. It was clear after the Vortex that the law needed more teeth. Legislation to increase civil and criminal penalties was first introduced in the 2014 short session and finally passed in this summer's long session.

While we had to compromise with legislators on the penalty amounts, we were pleased with the outcome and are confident that the increase in penalties and potential felony conviction for anyone who willfully tampers with a ride in a way that causes serious injury or death is a big step in ensuring an incident like the Vortex never happens again.

I am confident that these measures are the best deterrent to prevent an individual from knowingly circumventing the safety systems of an amusement device after the ride has been certified by NCDOL. Moving forward, these changes will continue to raise the bar in terms of safety for the citizens who enjoy amusement devices across the state.

One other provision of H.B. 39, which was introduced after the tragic zip line accident at Camp Cheerio this summer, requires the department to conduct a very in-depth study as to whether or not there is a need to regulate zip lines. Zip lines are a device currently exempt from inspection by the Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau. I'd like to thank Tom Chambers, Tommy Petty, Jennifer Haigwood, Sarah Beth Koonce and Jane Gilchrist for leading the study efforts and working to prepare a report that must be submitted to the General Assembly by Feb. 1, 2016.

In the end, it will be the General Assembly's responsibility to make the final decision as to whether or not and to what degree zip lines should be regulated by the state. We will keep you all apprised of the outcome of the study and how it will affect our agency.

I hope each of you can enjoy the long, last weekend of summer celebrating Labor Day with family and friends.



Employee News

- Congratulations to Beth and Daniel Benson on the birth of their son, Sawyer Benson, on Aug. 3. Beth works in Human Resources.
- Congratulations to Dorca Araujo in Budget and Management on her marriage to Miguel Batista on Aug. 28.

New Hires

- Richard Cagan, SCO I, OSH, Charlotte.
- Gary Yarbrough, inspector, Elevator, Kernersville.

Job Changes

- Brian Tuttle, from HCO I to HCO II, OSH, Raleigh.
- Adriana Jordan, from administrative assistant I to administrative assistant II, Wage and Hour, Raleigh.
- Cornelius Lloyd, from office assistant IV to processing assistant V, Elevator, Raleigh.
- Fleda Anderson, from standards industrial hygienist, ETTA, to District 7 supervisor, Compliance East, Raleigh.
- Chuck Murdock, SCO II, from Compliance East to Consultative Services.

Separations

- Jeffrey Kircher, inspector, Elevator, Morganton.
- Klay Kircher, inspector, Elevator, Morganton.
- Danny Cannon, inspector, Elevator, Leicester.
- Sara Steward, safety education specialist, OSH, Raleigh.

State Employees Combined Campaign

Your efforts go a long way!

The Department of Labor's participation in the 2015 State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC) runs from Sept. 1 to Oct. 30. SECC solicitors are hard at work delivering SECC guides and pledge forms. In addition, you can access information about SECC charitable organizations at www.ncsecc.org.

The DOL SECC coordinators are: Administration, John Luckado; Standards and Inspections, Charity Locklear; OSH-ORB, Susan Haritos; OSH-East Compliance, Karen Kelly; and OSH-West Compliance and other OSH employees in Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Asheville, Jackie Spangler. Please notify a coordinator if you have not received your campaign materials by Sept 10. Your Beacon number can be found at the top of your pay statement listed as personnel number.

In 2014, the generosity of Department of Labor employees and retirees resulted in total contributions of \$8,281. Federations and independent charities must meet rigorous standards for approval to participate in the campaign. Ninety cents of every dollar contributed go to the charitable organizations, saving them hundreds of dollars in fundraising costs. Your contribution, regardless of the size, goes a long way!

Thank you in advance for your generous participation!

John Luckado

2015 NCDOL SECC Department Executive



Upcoming Birthdays

9-2 Gwen Williams	9-15 Jennifer Haigwood	9-26 Carol Wells
9-3 Kisha Holmes	9-18 Dean Strickland	9-28 Angela Woods
9-6 Jeffrey McClaren	9-20 Charity Locklear	9-28 Janet Rust
9-8 Dolores Quesenberry	9-20 Shelby Stephenson	9-29 Ed Geddie
9-8 Paulette Hernandez	9-21 Danny Harrell	9-30 Alexa Cherry
9-10 Brent Wood	9-21 Melinda Boyette	9-30 Howard Walters
9-12 Todd McNoldy	9-23 Jacopo Wiggins	
9-13 Greg Sims	9-24 Henry Moore	

Employee Recognition Banquet Planning Committee Updates

The fall Raleigh BBQ sale will be on Monday, Sept. 28. Presale tickets will be available Monday, Sept. 14, through Tuesday, Sept. 22.

- Small combo: \$5.50 includes a BBQ sandwich, chips, dessert and drink.
- The large combo: \$7 includes two BBQ sandwiches, chips, dessert and drink.
- The committee will presale pints of BBQ for \$6 and any leftover pints will be \$7.

Be on the lookout for more information about the upcoming NCDOL logo apparel sale in late September!

What's New @ Your Library

BY NICK VINCELLI, LIBRARIAN

NCDOL Safety and Health Collection (via I.H.S.-Global):

DOL staff can now access sundry consensus standards through this new online subscription. Please contact me for assistance (dol.library@labor.nc.gov; 919-807-2850).

Revised Standards List

- http://10.21.81.220/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 Print Titles

- *Measurement of Sound Pressure Levels in Air* (ANSI S1.13-2005 (R2010)). Acoustical Society of America, 2005.
- *Soil Cone Penetrometer* (ASAE S313.3-1999 (R2013)). ASABE, 2013.
- *Standard Practice for Conversion of Kinematic Viscosity to Saybolt Universal Viscosity or to Saybolt Furol Viscosity* (ASTM D2161-10). ASTM, 2010.

Online FYIs

- *After the Explosion: New Protection*
<https://blog.dol.gov/2015/07/22/after-the-explosion-new-protections/>
- *Agriculture Safety: All-Terrain Vehicle Hazards During Farm Work*
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3758.pdf>
- *Best Practices: Engineering Controls, Work Practices and Exposure Monitoring for Occupational Exposures to Diacetyl and 2,3-Pentanedione*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2015-197/pdfs/2015-197.pdf>
- *Egregious Safety Lapses Have Consequences ...*
<https://blog.dol.gov/2015/07/23/egregious-safety-lapses-have-consequences-high-or-low/>
- *Enforcement Cases With Initial Penalties Above \$40,000*
<https://www.osha.gov/topcases/bystate.html>
- *Enforcement Procedures and Scheduling for Occupational Exposure to Tuberculosis*
https://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/Directive_pdf/CPL_02-02-078.pdf
- *Health Effects From Contaminated Water in Eyewash Stations*
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3818.pdf>
- *Keeping Workers Safe Through Anthropometric Research*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/enews/enewsV13N4.html#director>
- *The NIOSH E-Doc ...*
http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2015/08/05/edoc/?s_cid=3ni7d2enews08052015
- *NIOSH Offers New Guidance to Help Musicians Protect Their Hearing*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-06-19-15.html>
- *Training Requirements in OSHA Standards* (revised)
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha2254.pdf>