

From the Commissioner

I recently attended a Consultative Services Bureau staff meeting at the John Robert Kernodle Senior Center in Burlington. It was nice to have everyone together under one roof for the group photo seen below. Most of my interaction with our safety and health consultants is away from the office at various SHARP ceremonies throughout the state, where rather than focusing on the department's achievements, we are celebrating the achievements of the employers and employees at various sites. In this edition of *Labor N.C.*, I am going to shine the spotlight on the Consultative Services Bureau and share their many accomplishments with each of you.

Last year, the Consultative Services Bureau conducted 1,413 consultative visits across the state and identified and eliminated 7,548 workplace hazards. This was an 11 percent increase over the average 6,767 during the past three fiscal years. The bureau also recognized 62 SHARP employers for achievements in workplace safety and health. The bureau, including the work of its support staff, has a combined work experience of 444 years with the department. Each staff member plays a significant role in helping our state maintain its current record low injury and illness rate of 2.7 per 100 full-time workers for private industry.

Safety and health consultants work quietly behind the scenes helping to eliminate known hazards at businesses throughout the state. Similar hazards have taken the lives of many workers over the years. Unlike firefighters, nurses and doctors, safety and health consultants may never know the name of the individual whose life they may have helped save, but their work, in my mind, is no less important. We, as their colleagues, should all take a lot of pride in their accomplishments.

Finally, I'd like to thank Kevin O'Barr for his leadership as bureau chief over the past two years and seven months and the three new supervisors who have taken on leadership roles within the Consultative Services Bureau: Nelson Edwards in the Western District, Pat O'Brien in the Central District and Amy Snow in the Eastern District.

Keep up the great work!

Cherie

Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry joins the staff of the Consultative Services Bureau at a staff meeting in Burlington.



Employee News

- Congratulations to the inspectors who recently received their QEI (Qualified Elevator Inspector) certification: Sam Kelley, Tony Pacitti, Chris Monaco, Gary Yarbrough, Neal Godwin and Joey Hazelrigg.
- Congratulations to Kimberly Bostic for passing the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) exam on April 15. Kimberly is a Star Program consultant in ETTA.
- Our condolences to Tiffany Lathan (EDB) on the death of her brother, Tony Lathan.
- Our condolences to Ellen Allbritton (EDB) on the death of her father, George Morrow.

New Hires

- Michael Barnhardt, elevator inspector, Elevator and Amusement Device, Charlotte
- Michael Fialo, elevator inspector, Elevator and Amusement Device, Western Area B

Job Changes

- Lee McKinney, health compliance officer II, Compliance West, to industrial hygiene consultant, OSH Consultative Services, Charlotte
- Steve Burris, elevator inspector to elevator inspection supervisor, Elevator and Amusement Device, Central Area
- Jeffery Cole, elevator inspector to elevator inspection supervisor, Elevator and Amusement Device, Raleigh
- Rusty Jones, elevator inspector in Wake County to elevator inspector in Durham, Elevator and Amusement Device
- Tim Hogan, Star consultant to industrial hygiene consultant, OSH ETTA, Winston-Salem

Separations

- Charles Gill, health compliance officer I, OSH, Asheville
- Tim Juneau, health compliance officer I, OSH, Wilmington
- Chris Lehenbauer, business and technology analyst, Research and IT, Raleigh
- Ana Gomez, discrimination investigator, EDB, Raleigh
- Charles McHone, wage and hour investigator II, Wage and Hour, Raleigh

Retirements

- Ron Ellis, Industrial Hygiene Consultant, OSH ETTA, Winston-Salem
- Mark Cole, elevator inspector, Elevator and Amusement Device, Western Area B



Ron Ellis, accompanied by his wife, Tyra, accepts the Old North State Award from Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry. The Consultative Services Bureau held a retirement luncheon for Ron at the Village Tavern in Winston-Salem on April 8.

Upcoming Birthdays

5-2 Paula Evans	5-10 Cory Dunphy	5-21 Oscar Coley
5-3 Kevin Beauregard	5-11 Mike Hopper	5-21 Doris Gilliam
5-3 Lori Kees	5-12 Gary Thorpe	5-22 Samuel Kelley
5-3 Barbara Westphal	5-12 Tom Wilder	5-23 Lucinda Harrington
5-4 Marcus Bandy	5-13 Brian Scott	5-23 Mary Perkinson
5-5 Brian Harper	5-15 Terri Harris	5-24 Sherry Phillips
5-6 Judy Durham	5-15 Neesia Hill	5-27 Ted Hendrix
5-7 Deneen Clarke	5-16 Krish Chhabria	5-27 David Lyle
5-8 Curt Davis	5-16 James Dempsey	
5-8 Johana Ramirez	5-19 Rodger Griffin	



The Winston-Salem field office had a Low Country Boil for the Employee Appreciation Banquet, Kristi Bryson (right) was the “cook extraordinaire” for the event and did a wonderful job!



The Winston-Salem field office celebrated Administrative Professionals Day on April 27 with a breakfast. Pictured left to right, Jackie Spangler, Diedre Duncan and Sherry Phillips.

Employee Recognition Banquet Planning Committee News

Annual Raleigh Brown Bag BBQ Lunch on Monday, May 16

The Employee Recognition Banquet Planning Committee will hold its annual brown bag barbecue lunch on Monday, May 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Labor Building, first floor conference room. Please see your nearest Banquet Planning Committee member to place your order. Preorders will be on sale through Friday, May 6.

- Large Lunch: \$7.00 (2 BBQ sandwiches, slaw, chips, drink, dessert)
- Small Lunch: \$5.50 (1 BBQ sandwich, slaw, chips, drink, dessert)
- Single Sandwich: \$3.00
- BBQ Pint: \$6.00

Silent Auction

The 2016 Silent Auction will open for bidding on May 16! Log on to the NCDOL intranet today to post your auction items!

What's New @ Your Library

By Nick Vincelli, Librarian

Updated Standards List

- http://10.35.133.11/etta_one_stop/listingDetails.cfm?&catid=16&subcatid=201

The standard lists have been updated and can be accessed from OSH One Stop Shop (Library Resources page).

New Print Titles

- *2015 Annual Report*. NCDOL, 2015.
- *Bowen EHS Book of CSP Exam Practice Problems* (volumes 1-9). Bowen Learning Network, 2012-2015.
- *Building and Utilizing Digital Information* (NFPA 951-2016). NFPA, 2015.
- *Cranes and Monorails ...* (ASME B30.17-2015). ASME, 2015.
- *Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity/Continuity of Operations Programs* (NFPA 1600-2016). NFPA, 2015.
- *General Industry Digest* (English and Spanish—OSHA 2201 & 3573). USDOL/OSHA, 2015.
- *Golf Cars—Safety and Performance Specifications* (ANSI/ILTV Z130.1-2012). ILTV/NGCMA, 2012.
- *Handy Reference Guide to the Fair Labor Standards Act* (English and Spanish). USDOL/Wage and Hour Division, 201.
- *Jacks, Industrial Rollers, Air Casters, and Hydraulic Gantries ...* (ASME B30.1-2015). ASME, 2015.
- *Personnel Hoists and Employee Elevators on Construction and Demolition Sites* (ANSI/ASSE A10.4-2016). ASSE, 2016.
- *Safe Confined Space Entry and Work* (NFPA 350-2016). NFPA, 2015.
- *Strategy for Assessing and Managing Occupational Exposures* (4th edition). AIHA, 2015.
- *Tower Cranes ...* (ASME B30.3-2016). ASME, 2016.

New DVDs

- *Distracted Driving ...* (DVD 769s—Spanish). Aurora Pictures; 17 minutes; 2016.
- *Working Ergonomically in the Office* (DVD 768e/s—English and Spanish). Aurora Pictures; 17 minutes; 2016

Online FYIs

- *1 in 8 U.S. Workers Has Some Hearing Loss*
https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_158434.html
- *Block the Buzzing, Bites and Bumps*
<https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/issue/apr2016/feature2>
- *Distracted Driving: No Texting*
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/3416distracted-driving-flyer.pdf>
- *Early Detection Saves Lives: How to #StopSilicosis*
<https://blog.dol.gov/2016/03/26/early-detection-saves-lives-how-to-stopsilicosis/>

- *The Fall That Changed Everything*
<https://blog.dol.gov/2016/04/26/the-fall-that-changed-everything/>
- *Firing a Whistleblower Is an Ugly Business*
<https://blog.dol.gov/2016/04/04/firing-a-whistleblower-is-an-ugly-business/>
- *ISEA Protection Update*
<http://www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com/ext/resources/files/isea-protection-update.htm#1>
- *Mosquito-Borne Diseases*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/outdoor/mosquito-borne/default.html>
- *NIOSH Research Rounds, March 2016*
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCDC/bulletins/13e3f43>
- *OSHA's Final Rule to Protect Workers from Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica*
<https://www.osha.gov/silica/>
- *Occupational Exposure to Heat and Hot Environments*
http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2016-106/?s_cid=20160212-HS-eNews
- *Silica Standards Signal Safety Commitment in Construction*
<https://blog.dol.gov/2016/04/11/silica-standards-signal-safety-commitment-in-construction/>
- *Targeting a Deadly Month in Mining*
<https://blog.dol.gov/2016/03/31/targeting-a-deadly-month-in-mining/>
- *Using the CDC Worksite Health ScoreCard*
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/cdc-health-scorecard/index.html>

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