

From the Commissioner

As we move into September, and hopefully a bit cooler weather, one of my favorite events is on the horizon. No, it is not the N.C. State Fair-although that is also one of my favorite events-but our own upcoming annual Employee Recognition Banquet.

The reason I look forward to it so much is not only the chance to see each and every one of you, but also to recognize and honor those employees who have distinguished themselves in some way since we last met.

Almost seventeen years ago, a group of employees interested in celebrating our common service to the department and to the state came to me asking for my approval to have a banquet. I approved whole heartedly with one caveat, if the employees support the effort, the department will provide the venue. The legacy of that agreement has been maintained and has grown all these years. That small group was who we all know today as the Employee Recognition Banquet Planning Committee and their work and your support of their work has made our employee appreciation program possible all these years. A big thank you to our colleagues who make up this important group.

I've said it before, many times, but our department is one big family, and I cannot wait to see you all on Sept. 13 here in Raleigh.

This month we will be honoring two important staffers who will be leaving us. In last month's column, I mentioned that ASH Bureau Chief Regina Cullen would be retiring on Sept. 1. I want to again mention how important Regina has been to us during her 28 years of service. She will be sorely missed. But we are also excited to announce her replacement, Beth Rodman. Many of you will remember Beth, who served as an ASH inspector between 2008 and 2014. We enthusiastically welcome her back and are looking forward to working with her once again.

I'd also like to take a moment to recognize Sarah Beth Koonce, our special assistant for governmental and constituent affairs, who also had the tough job serving as our parking coordinator. Her last day with NCDOL will be Sept. 14.

I met Sarah Beth five years ago, when she came to us through the State Government Internship Program, and I was happy to welcome her back as a full-time employee in 2014. Over the past few years, she has served this department and the citizens of North Carolina by way of her tremendous work ethic, integrity and maturity beyond her years. Please join me in wishing her well as she begins a new phase in life – marriage, a new home and a new job. We will miss you, Sarah Beth!

See you all very soon.



Employee News

New Hires

- Ralph Cumberland, elevator inspector, Elevator, Eastern B
- Wade Jenkins, elevator inspector, Elevator, Pitt County

- Lynn Stephenson, safety compliance officer I, OSH East, Raleigh
- Larry Watts, safety compliance officer I, OSH East, Raleigh

Job Change

- Danny Mattfield, safety compliance officer I to health compliance officer I, OSH East, Raleigh

Separation

- Scott Karriker, safety compliance officer, OSH West, Raleigh

Retirement

- Regina Cullen, bureau chief, ASH, Raleigh



Kevin Beauregard, OSH director, presents Regina Cullen with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine during a farewell lunch on Aug. 29. Cullen, who led the ASH bureau for almost 28 years, will retire Sept. 1.

Upcoming Birthdays

9-1 JP Cardona	9-12 Todd McNoldy	9-23 Jacopo Wiggins
9-2 Gwen Williams	9-13 Greg Sims	9-24 Henry Moore
9-3 Kisha Holmes	9-15 Jennifer Haigwood	9-25 Sandra Hamm
9-4 Danielle Knowland	9-16 Fred Byrum	9-26 Carol Wells
9-6 Mark Pierce	9-20 Shelby Stephenson	9-28 Angela Woods
9-6 Jeff McClaren	9-20 Becky Appling	9-28 Janet Rust
9-8 Dolores Quesenberry	9-20 Charity Locklear	9-28 James McCloud
9-8 Paulette Geddes	9-21 Danny Harrell	9-29 Ed Geddie
9-10 Brent Wood	9-21 Melinda Boyette	9-30 Alexa Cherry
9-10 Lara Siler	9-21 Dean Edwards	

State Employees Combined Campaign

We can really make a difference!

The Department of Labor's participation in the 2017 State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC) runs through Oct. 13, 2017. SECC solicitors within each bureau are hard at work delivering and collecting SECC Campaign Guides and Pledge Forms. In addition, you can access information about SECC charitable organizations at www.ncsecc.org.



The DOL SECC Campaign Coordinators are: Administration, John Luckado; Standards and Inspections, Charity Locklear; OSH ORB, Ed Geddy; OSH East Compliance, Cynthia Richardson; 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 in the next few weeks. Your Beacon number is needed if you choose to do the payroll deduction and can be found at the top of your pay statement listed as personnel number.

Pledges will be collected through **Friday, Oct. 13, 2017**. All DOL pledged contributors automatically enter a drawing for one of three Amazon Echo Dots. Winners will be notified via email.

Thank you in advance for your generous participation!

John Luckado

2017 NCDOL SECC Department Executive



Labor Building and ORB employees step outside for a moment to view the Great American Eclipse. Millions of people across the continental U.S. experienced this natural phenomenon on Aug. 21.

2017 Employee Recognition Banquet

The 2017 Employee Recognition Banquet, co-sponsored by Commissioner Berry and the Employee Recognition Banquet Planning Committee, is scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 13**. We are excited to host the banquet again this year, and hope that every employee will be able to join us for this fun “homecoming” event.

If you plan to attend this year’s banquet, please complete the portion of the registration form, along with \$3, no later than **Wednesday, Sept. 6**. You may submit your registration form and payment (cash or check payable to NCDOL ERC) to any Banquet Planning Committee member or mail your form to: Sarah Beth Koonce, NCDOL, 1101 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1101.

The banquet promises to be a fun time and a great chance for all of us to get together and recognize our service to the state. We look forward to seeing you there!

Employee Recognition Banquet Planning Committee

What’s New @ Your Library

By NICK VINCELLI, LIBRARIAN

New Print Titles

- *Design, Installation, and Use of Orchestra Pit Lifts* (ANSI/ESTA E1.42—2016) ETSA, 2016.
- *ERDI Emergency Response Diver 1 Operations Manual* Emergency Response Diving International, 2010. Donated by James Washington, ETTA.
- *Earth-moving Machinery-Safety-Parts 1 & 5* (ISO 20474-1 & 5: 2017) ISO, 2017.
- *Grassroots: 2016 OSHSPA Report* OSHSPA, 2017. Donated by Kathy Canady, OSH.
- *NC Occupational Safety and Health Program Statistics* (Oct. 2015-Sept. 2016) NCDOL-OSH, 2017.
- *Overhead and Gantry Cranes...* (ASME B30.2-2016) ASME, 2016.
- *Protecting Yourself from Noise in Construction* (OSHA 3498-12N 2011) USDOL-OSHA, 2011.
- *Professional Safety* (June-July 2017) ASSE, 2017. Donated by Kevin Beauregard, OSH.
- *Safety + Health* (July 2017) NSC, 2017. Donated by Kevin Beauregard, OSH.
- *Scheme for the Identification of Piping Systems* (ASME B13.1-2015) ASME, 2015.
- *Tractor Talks* NCSU, 2017. Donated by James Washington, ETTA.



Online FYIs

- *Elements of Ergonomic Programs*
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/ergonomics/ergoprimer/default.html>
- *Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER)*
<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/emergencypreparedness/hazwoper/index.html>

- *NIOSH Research Rounds (August 2017)*
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/Research-Rounds/resroundsv3n2.html>
- *Notice of Whistleblower Complaint*
<https://www.osha.gov/whistleblower/WBComplaint.html>
- *Oil and Gas Well Drilling and Servicing eTool*
<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/oilandgas/transportation/transportation.html>
- *The Power of Energy Storage Systems and their Relationship to Fire Safety*
https://community.nfpa.org/community/nfpa-today/blog/2017/06/02/energy-storage-systems-and-fire-safety?order_src=E272
- *A Safety & Health Training for Young Workers*
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/safetymatters/default.html>
- *Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for General Industry and Maritime*
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3911.pdf>
- *Tamper-resistant Electrical Receptacles*
http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/top-causes-of-fire/electrical/tamper-resistant-electrical-receptacles?order_src=E272
- *Tobacco Farm Worker Safety Videos*
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriIrFd-nB18hTsynFya_yA
- *Trench Safety Stand down*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5lXuzfqFDg&feature=youtu.be>
- *Window Cleaning Field Safety Guide*
<http://www.windowcleaningfieldsafetyguide.com/n-faq/>