

From the Commissioner

As we move into September, and hopefully a little cooler weather, it is time to prepare for some of the state's biggest agricultural fairs. These fairs provide a way for communities to showcase their rich agricultural heritage with contests, exhibits and, of course, fun amusement rides.

I always enjoy attending as many of these fairs as my schedule allows and visiting with our ride inspectors with the Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau. I never lose sight of the fact that these inspectors carry a tremendous responsibility during fair season of inspecting each amusement device before it is certified for the public to enjoy. They are often profiled by the media for their efforts across the state and serve as great ambassadors for all of us.

Over the years, many inspectors have shared with me that they would not certify a ride that they would not let their own grandchildren or children ride, and as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, these words speak volumes as the type of program we have.

I'd like to thank Phil Hooper, Tom Chambers and Tommy Petty for the leadership they provide and for programs they have developed to help keep North Carolina on the map as the safest state in which to ride an amusement device.

On another note, we were very pleased that Gov. Cooper issued a proclamation declaring Aug. 12–18 Safe + Sound Week in North Carolina after our office submitted a request to his staff. While "Safe + Sound" is a year-round federal OSHA campaign that encourages all workplaces to implement safety and health programs, Kevin Beauregard suggested having a proclamation declared to help drive this message closer to home and encourage more businesses in our state to participate.

Participants of the campaign registered their company name on the federal OSHA website and were recognized with a certificate and virtual coin. We will receive a final count from OSHA on the number of businesses that participated in October, but a preliminary count showed 143 North Carolina businesses registered for the event.

I'd like to thank Kevin and his entire team within the OSH Division for all that they do to promote voluntary compliance throughout the state. Our state's low injury and illness rates are a testament to the combined efforts of the entire OSH Division to create a safety and health culture from the mountains to the coast.

Keep up the great work!



Employee News

- Congratulations to Chris Ray, OSH West, and Courtney Phillips, OSH East, for passing the Associate Safety Professional certification exam.

New Hires

- Idelisse Perez Delvalle, OSHA safety officer I, OSH East, Wilmington
- Maria Moreno Gonzalez, administrative specialist I, ASH, Raleigh
- Ramon Fernandez, investigator I, Wage and Hour, Charlotte

- Lisa DeLair Birch, investigator I, Wage and Hour, Charlotte
- Daniel Ruschak, investigator I, Wage and Hour, Charlotte
- Kevin Cosgrove, OSHA industrial hygienist I, OSH West, Charlotte
- Robert Olman, auditor III, Administration, Raleigh
- Kent Woodson, accounting manager I, Financial Services, Raleigh

Promotions

- Cristian Martinez Almonte, OSHA industrial hygienist I, OSH East, Raleigh
- Caitlin Wood, administrative specialist I, OSH East, Raleigh

Separation

- Corey Partridge, OSHA safety officer I, OSH East, Raleigh

Reminder

NCDOL has a requirement that all employees who drive for the department must report all traffic citations, moving violations, criminal charges and any changes in their license status to their supervisor. Supervisors are required to notify their bureau chief, who then must notify NCDOL's Motor Fleet Management Liaison (Art Britt) and the Legal Affairs Division (dol.legalaffairs@labor.nc.gov) of any DMV citations or other noted violations.

Inside NC Labor—Episodes 19 and 20



Be sure to check out NCDOL's podcast, *Inside NC Labor*. Episode 19 features special guest Kevin Beauregard (left), OSH Admin., speaking about Safe + Sound Week and episode 20 features LaMont Smith, ETTA, discussing the upcoming Carolina Star Safety Conference.

Upcoming Birthdays

9-1 JP Cardona	9-11 Starsky Martin	9-21 Danny Harrell
9-3 Kisha Holmes	9-12 Todd McNoldy	9-23 Jacopo Wiggins
9-4 Danielle Knowland	9-13 Greg Sims	9-25 Sandra Hamm
9-6 Jeff McClaren	9-15 Natalie Bouchard	9-26 Carol Wells
9-6 Mark Pierce	9-15 Jennifer Haigwood	9-28 Andrew Doyle
9-8 Paulette Geddes	9-17 Norma Derqui Lopez	9-28 James McCloud
9-8 Dolores Quesenberry	9-20 Charity Locklear	9-29 Ed Geddie
9-10 William Matthews	9-21 Dean Edwards	9-30 Alexa Cherry
9-10 Brent Wood		

State Employees Combined Campaign

We can really make a difference!

BY NATALIE BOUCHARD, 2019 NCDOL SECC DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE

It's that time of year again! That's right folks, the Department of Labor's participation in the 2019 State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC) will run from Thursday, Sept. 12–Friday, Oct. 4.

I want to introduce myself as the 2019 NCDOL SECC Department Executive and let you know that the NCDOL SECC Campaign Coordinators are Charity Locklear, Standards and Inspections; Rose Gray-Shindler, OSH-ORB; Dawn Eason, OSH-East Compliance and Deidre Duncan, OSH-West Compliance and other OSH employees in Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Asheville.

The SECC is the only fundraising campaign authorized to solicit charitable contributions in the state employee workplace. State employees can give with confidence because SECC is run by state employees for state employees. Just 10% of the proceeds go toward fundraising and administrative costs. No state monies are used to run the campaign. Federations and independent charities must meet rigorous standards for approval to participate. Contributions have supported hundreds of charities that serve local, state, national and international causes. These charities provide humanitarian assistance and human services to children, the elderly, the disabled and to communities coping with economic difficulties.

I look forward to leading this year's campaign and please be on the lookout for an email from me in the near future.

To learn more, please visit the [North Carolina State Employees Combined Campaign website](#).

Emergency Preparedness MESH

The sponsors (NCDOL, Safety and Health Council of NC, NC State University – Industry Expansion Solutions) of the Manager of Environmental, Safety and Health Certificate Program (MESH) recently introduced a new MESH certificate geared toward emergency preparedness. The new MESH certificate has similar criteria to the other MESH certificates requiring 100 hours of continuing education, however, this one will require at least 60 hours to be specific to emergency preparedness and response. For NCDOL employees, the certificate fee is waived if the application is submitted through the Safety and Health Council of NC. For more information regarding EP MESH, contact Wanda Lagoe, ET&A.

New Employee: Kent Woodson

Kent Woodson began his life in Hampshire County, W.Va. He made the move to N.C. right after completing graduate school. Before making the switch as the new deputy chief financial officer, Woodson served at the Department of Health and Human Services for over 21 years. Woodson was a key member of a team that developed an app for DHHS that gave exclusive access to financial information for each employee.

"I am looking forward to being a part of this department," said Kent Woodson, deputy chief financial officer. "I believe my personality and my experience will bring a different set of skills to this role than a typical accountant."

Outside of the office, Woodson enjoys fixing up houses and furniture and bee keeping. In fact, he was the state junior bee keeper in W.Va.



During his first week at NCDOL, Kent Woodson, Financial Services, poses for a photo in front of the Labor Building Friday, Aug. 2, 2019.



NCDOL APPAREL SALE

Aug. 26-Sept. 12

Email Carter Grimes at carter.grimes@labor.nc.gov

**Tees, sweatshirts, hoodies, polos, oxfords,
tumblers and more!**

What's New @ Your Library

BY NICK VINCELLI, LIBRARIAN

New Print Titles

- *2018 OSHSPA Report: Grassroots Worker Protection* (HD 7654 .G73 2018) OSHSPA, 2019. Donated by Wanda Lagoe, ETTA.
- *2019 ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Fact Book* (IHS BPVC FB-2019) I.H.S.-Markit, 2019.
- *29 CFR Parts 0-1910* (KF 3570 .C63 2017) US National Archives and Records Administration, 2017. Donated by Legislative Library.
- *Recommended Practice for Lighting Industrial Facilities* (ANSI/IES RP-7—17) Illuminating Engineering Society, 2017.
- *Safety Requirements for Portable Compressed-Air-Actuated Fastener Driving Tools* (ANSI SNT-101—2015). International Staple, Nail and Tool Association, 2015.
- *Safety Requirements for Single Anchor Lifelines and Fall Arresters for Personal Fall Arrest Systems* (ANSI/ASSP Z359.15—2014). American Society for Safety Professionals, 2014.
- *Safety Standard for Rough Terrain Forklift Trucks* (ANSI/ITSDF B56.6—2016). Industrial Truck Standards Development Foundation, 2016.



- *Safety Standard For Vehicle Mounted Forklift Trucks* (ANSI/ITSDF B56.14—2015) Industrial Truck Standards Development Foundation, 2015.

New Periodicals

- *National Board Bulletin* (Summer 2019) National Board of Boiler & Pressure Vessel Inspectors, 2019.
- *Professional Safety* (May-July 2019) American Society of Safety Professionals, 2019. Donated by Phil Hooper, Standards and Inspections.
- *Safety+Health* (August 2019) National Safety Council, 2019. Donated by Wanda Lagoe, ETTA.

Online FYIs

- *29 CFR Labor* (2018) US GPO.
- *Brain-Centered Performance: Understanding How the Brain Works So We Can Work More Safely* DEKRA e-book.
- *Candida Auris: A Drug-resistant Germ That Spreads in Healthcare Facilities* CDC Fact Sheet.
- *EHS on Tap: E47 Yes, You Can Measure Safety Culture ... Well, Sort Of!* EHS Podcast.
- *Emergency Preparedness* NFPA Public Education webpage.
- *FACE Investigations Make Recommendations to Improve the Safety of New Types of Robots* NIOSH blog post.
- *Fatal Occupational Injuries To Independent Workers* BLS Beyond the Numbers (Workplace Injuries) article.
- *Injured Workers More Likely to Die from Suicide or Opioid Overdose* NIOSH blog post.
- *Look Out Below!: Dropped Objects Prevention in the Workplace* EHS Daily Advisor survey report.
- *NFPA Journal* (July-Aug. 2019).
- *NIOSH Research Rounds* (Jan.-Aug. 2019).
- *Resources for Travelers* CDC page.
- *Safety + Health* (August 2019) National Safety Council.
- *Using Leading Indicators to Improve Safety and Health Outcomes* New OSHA page and publication.
- *Workplace Accommodation Toolkit* Job Accommodation Network (Jan.).



Photo Courtesy of Kevin O'Barr

Shirley Curtis and Kevin O'Barr, Consultative Services, joined a partnership of the City of Raleigh and the African American Cultural Festival in an attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Record for the Longest Soul Train Dance Line. They looked great and had fun but too many other participants slept in late and they weren't able to break the record. Better luck next time!