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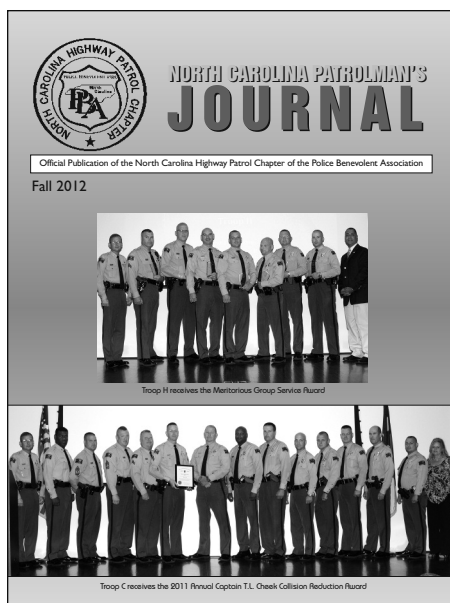
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# North Carolina Division President Appointed by Governor to the Board of Trustees for the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Raleigh, NC – North Carolina Division President Randy Byrd was recently appointed by Governor Perdue to serve a two year term as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System.

The Retirement Systems Division of the State Treasurer administers the retirement and benefits plans that cover the vast majority of public employees in the state. The Division administers both the public pension plans and the NC Supplemental Retirement Plans. The North Carolina public pension plans provide benefits for more than 850,000 North Carolinians including police officers. The North Carolina Retirement Systems is the 32nd largest pension fund in the world and the 11th largest pension fund in the United States.

The four largest systems and the Supplemental Retirement Income Plans are overseen by boards that maintain the administration and responsibility for the proper operation of each system or plan.

The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) provides benefits to all full-time teachers and State employees in all public school systems, universities, departments, institutions, and agencies of the State. The TSERS Board of Directors is composed of 14 members, including seven actively working employees or retirees, as well as seven public and appointed members who also serve on the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System Board.

The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) is maintained for the employees of cities, towns, counties, boards, commissions, and other entities of local government in North Carolina. Because participation by local governments is voluntary, the operation of LGERS is dependent upon the acceptance and continuing financial support of the governing bodies and employees of local governments.

The LGERS Board of Directors is composed of 14 members, including the same seven ex-officio or public Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System Board members, plus seven members representing local governments.

Upon receiving his appointment, Byrd said, "I am very pleased to have received this appointment and look forward



to serving our members in a broader capacity. He added, "My service on this board comes during a critical time of discussion about public pensions and I am honored to be a voice for those that sacrifice daily in service to our communities."

Byrd is a Sergeant with the Cary Police department and is a 20 year law enforcement veteran. He currently is



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assigned as a supervisor to the Criminal Investigations Division. During his tenure with the police department he has been recognized as the American Legion Officer of the Year and as a nominee for Employee of the Year for the Town of Cary. Byrd is a graduate of Campbell University and the Administrative Officers Management Program through NC State University.

Byrd has been a member of the

Police Benevolent Association since starting his career and currently serves in two leadership positions. In late 2005, he was instrumental in starting the Cary Chapter of the NCPBA. Byrd currently serves as the Chapter President. In 2009, he was elected to serve a three year term as the President of the North Carolina division.

In 2010, Byrd was selected by State Treasurer Janet Cowell to serve

on the Future of the Retirement Study Commission. This 13 member commission met monthly for a year at the direction of the joint boards of the North Carolina Retirement Systems to provide recommendations for the retirement benefits that should be provided to future hires of state and local government in North Carolina. □

# DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

# SHP Awards Ceremony

The Highway Patrol held a ceremony in Raleigh to recognize employees for their service to the public and to the Patrol. The ceremony was held on the training academy and family, friends and co-workers were in attendance to show support for their achievements. Colonel Gilchrist and Secretary Young presented the awards and congratulated each recipient for their outstanding efforts.

## HUMANITARIAN AWARD

***Trooper J. R. Lilley***

*Troop C, District 9 SHP Humanitarian Award*

In November 2011 it was discovered Lt. David Henderson had a form of cancer. Members of Troop C recognized

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the financial hardship the treatments, surgeries and hospital stays would place on Lt. Henderson and his family. Patrol members collected money to help Lt. Henderson in the early stages of his illness. Lt. Henderson and his family had suffered several other medical issues during 2011 and his family would need more assistance. David had suffered a shoulder injury requiring extensive surgery and re-habilitation, his daughter had suffered a spinal injury during the same time period and his wife Judy was involved in a traffic collision that required surgery. All of these events had created tremendous stress and financial hardship on David and his family. In early December, Trooper James Lilley called First Sergeant K. W. Cooke and suggested a benefit luncheon to help David and the family. Trooper Lilley started pulling together volunteers to assist in cooking, organizing ticket sales, putting together supplies and selling over two hundred plates himself. Trooper Lilley worked tirelessly on his own time without any expectation of recognition or payment for his actions. On the day of the benefit Trooper Lilley arrived at 5:00 a.m.

with a convoy of volunteers ready for service. He worked the entire day cooking without stopping until over 1200 plates had been prepared and everyone who came to support Lt. Henderson was fed. The benefit was an overwhelming success providing far greater assistance to Lt. Henderson and his family than was expected. A Humanitarian is defined as one who is devoted to the promotion of human welfare. Trooper Lilley is that humanitarian!

### SAMARITAN AWARD

#### *Trooper E. A. Barrera*

*Troop B, District 8*

*SHP Samaritan Service Award*

September 8th 2011 around 11:45PM on NC-87 in Harnett County, Trooper E. A. Barrera was running stationary radar. Trooper Barrera heard Harnett Central dispatch fire and EMS to a collision on NC-87 near his location. The dispatcher stated that the vehicle was on fire. Trooper Barrera proceeded to the scene. Upon arrival immediately retrieved his fire extinguisher from the trunk of the patrol car, jumped over the guardrail and ran towards the driver side of the burning vehicle. Trooper Barrera was able to extinguish the flames which involved the front half of the vehicle.



Trooper Barrera began talking to the driver who was trapped inside the vehicle. However, shortly after the arrival of fire and rescue units the driver was pronounced dead on the scene. Trooper Barrera demonstrated outstanding judgment, personal courage, and bravery in his efforts to save the life of the driver trapped inside the burning vehicle. His actions bring credit to himself, the State Highway Patrol, and the State of North Carolina.

#### *Sergeant D. R. Quigley*

*Troop D, District 9*

*SHP Samaritan Service Award*



On Monday, September 26th 2011, Sgt. David Quigley was inside the McDonalds Restaurant in Mebane when he was approached by Mr. Cliff Haley, the owner. Sgt. Quigley was told that an employee was unconscious on the floor in the back and needed assistance. Sgt. Quigley immediately responded and found Mr. Willie Wiley unresponsive. Sgt. Quigley began to administer CPR, however was unable to open the airway. Sgt. Quigley retrieved an oral airway from his medical kit and inserted it into Mr. Wiley's mouth. Sgt. Quigley had another employee call 911 and began CPR until EMS personnel arrived. Sgt. Quigley, was able to reestablish a heartbeat and the patient was transported to Alamance County Hospital. It was determined Mr. Wiley had suffered a Heart Attack. Sgt. Quigley saved Mr. Willie Wiley's life.

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**Trooper C. F. Rogers**  
Troop E, District 3  
SHP Samaritan Service Award



Trooper Christopher Rogers responded to an impaired driver call on Peach Orchard Road in Rowan County around 6 p.m. on October 31st, 2011. When Trooper Rogers arrived the vehicle was parked on a bridge in the middle of the road with the driver, Mr. Kevin Vaughn, standing outside of the vehicle. Trooper Rogers noticed Mr. Vaughn had a strong odor of alcohol. Trooper Rogers told Mr. Vaughn to sit on the hood of his car while he ran a license check. Instead of sitting on the hood, Mr. Vaughn walked into the patch of an oncoming car, forcing the driver to stop. Mr. Vaughn then jumped up on top of bridge railing facing interstate 85. Trooper Rogers saw what was happening and ran toward Mr. Vaughn, grabbed his clothes and pulled him onto the pavement. Mr. Vaughn tried to keep the trooper from pulling him off the bridge. Trooper Rogers had to pin Mr. Vaughn on the pavement until backup units arrived. Trooper Rogers and back-up units were able to handcuff Mr. Vaughn who was later transported to the hospital where he was admitted for psycho-

logical reasons. It is not every day that we have the opportunity to save the life of a dying person. However, Trooper Christopher Rogers swift thinking and heroic actions gave a man one more day.

**Sergeant M. L. Haunn**  
Troop E, District 5  
SHP Samaritan Service Award

On Tuesday, December 20th, 2011, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Sergeant Mitch Haunn was traveling on Interstate 77 South in Surry County. Sergeant Haunn saw a passenger van that was pulling a trailer carrying a fork lift go off into the median and overturn. Sergeant Haunn pulled up



and immediately observed a fire starting in the van and grabbed his fire extinguisher and ran to the scene. While Sergeant Haunn kept the fire at bay, another motorist assisted eight passengers escape the vehicle without injuries. After all the passengers had been removed and Sergeant Haunn exhausted his extinguisher, they all ran from the scene. Moments later, the van became fully engulfed in flames and exploded in the median. Sergeant Haunn's fast reaction can be attributed to saving multiple lives on this occasion.

**Sergeant J. S. Cox**  
Troop F, District 2  
SHP Samaritan Service Award

**Deputy Aaron Reed**  
Ashe County Sheriff Department



### **SHP LIFE SAVING AWARD**

**Mr. Tommy Richardson**  
SHP Life Saving Award

**Mr. Dennis Davis**  
SHP Life Saving Award

On Tuesday, January 3rd 2012, at approximately 6:00 a.m., Tommy Shepherd, a newspaper driver for the Winston-Salem Journal, was traveling on North Fulton Reeves Road. Mr. Shepherd lost control of his truck under icy conditions and ran off the road and overturned in a creek. Mr. Shepherd was trapped inside the truck as water started pouring inside. Mr. Shepherd was able to right himself in the overturned truck and press his head against the driver's side floorboard to get air. Approximately an hour and half later, a passing motorist contacted 911 to report the collision. State Highway Patrol Sergeant Jimmy Cox and Ashe County Sheriff's Deputy Aaron Reed arrived within five (5) minutes after the call went out by dispatchers. When they arrived they found two area residents, Tommy Richardson and Dennis Davis, on the creek bank. Deputy Reed and Sergeant Cox entered the waist deep frigid waters after learning Mr. Shepherd was trapped inside the truck. Deputy Reed and Sergeant Cox could not open the doors of the pick-up due

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to the thick muddy bottom of the creek. After another attempt to gain entry, Mr. Davis contacted a nearby garage with a wrecker. They were able to hook the chain to a DOT salt truck and peel the driver's side door back to free Mr. Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd was immediately taken by ambulance to Ashe Memorial Hospital. Doctors stated Mr. Shepherd had a core temperature of 14 degrees. Without the quick actions of each of these men, Mr. Shepherd would not be alive today.

***First Sergeant Tracy Greene -***

*Troop H, District 1* ...

*SHP Samaritan Service Award*

On October 30th, 2011 at 1:30



a.m., First Sergeant Tracy Greene administered first aid to an injured male who was found lying face down on the grassy shoulder of Interstate 85 in Gaston County. F/Sgt. Greene used his medical training to save this person from life-threatening injuries by maintaining the victim's airway until the Gastonia Fire Department arrived. F/Sgt. Greene then used a portable suction unit and kept this man from choking to death on his own blood. F/Sgt. Greene kept this person alive until EMS arrived and transported him to Gaston Memorial Hospital. The victim's life was saved.

***Trooper R. R. Deitz***

*Troop I, District 1*

*SHP Samaritan Service Award*

On Monday, October 10th 2011, Trooper Rocky Deitz was bear hunt-

ing at Lake Fontana in Swain County. Trooper Deitz saw a man standing on a pontoon boat near the shore trying to get his attention. As Trooper Deitz approached the bank he could hear someone on the top of the ridge line yelling for help. Trooper Deitz asked the man on the pontoon boat what was wrong and he said he wasn't sure that he had just heard someone screaming. Trooper Deitz exited off the boat he was on to the shoreline to see what was going on. Trooper Deitz ran to the top of the ridge line where he saw a man (Harold Tipton) hanging partially out of a climbing tree stand. Mr. Tipton was approximately seven (7) feet off the ground. Mr. Tipton's son was standing under his dad trying to push his legs back up onto the stand. Mr. Tipton's son kept yelling to help him that this was his dad and we had to get him down. Trooper Deitz ran over and saw that Mr. Tipton's arm was hanging down next to his leg and he knew that he was in a bad position. Trooper Deitz said Mr. Tipton's hand was very cold and in a drawn position. Trooper

Deitz attempted to locate a pulse on Mr. Tipton but was unable to do so, and from the way it appeared Mr. Tipton was deceased. Trooper Deitz then turned his attention to Mr. Tipton's son and tried to comfort him and explain that his dad had passed away. Trooper Deitz had Mr. Tipton's son sit down next to a tree and he told another man that had followed him up the mountain to call 911 and get someone on the lake bank to standby until EMS got there. At this point Mr. Tipton's son started screaming that he had seen his dad take a breath and that they had to get him down. Trooper Deitz again ran over and checked Mr. Tipton's pulse but was unable to find any sign of life. Mr. Tipton's son was insistent on getting his dad down, so Trooper Deitz lifted him up onto the stand so he could cut the safety harness from around his dad's body. Trooper Deitz and the son then lowered Mr. Tipton to the ground and again Trooper Deitz checked for a pulse with no result. Trooper Deitz advised Mr. Tipton's eyes were half open and very



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hazy looking. Trooper Deitz said Mr. Tipton's skin had a blue tint and he was very cold to the touch. Mr. Tipton's son was pleading for them to do something. Trooper Deitz felt that it was too late for CPR to help Mr. Tipton but at the same time he would want the same thing done for his dad. Trooper Deitz grappled Mr. Tipton's son and told him that they were going to administer CPR to his dad but that he was going to have to calm down. Trooper Deitz told Mr. Tipton's son he would need to administer breaths while he performed the chest compressions. CPR was started on Mr. Tipton and after three (3) series of compressions Trooper Deitz again checked for a pulse, and located a very faint one on Mr. Tipton's neck. Trooper Deitz said he was shocked that he could feel anything. Trooper Deitz and Mr. Tipton's son continued CPR and eventually had Mr. Tipton taking breaths and moving his legs. Trooper Deitz advised that Mr. Tipton's breaths were gurgle sounding so he rolled him over onto his side to allow any fluid to come out of his mouth. Trooper Deitz then called 911 for further life saving instructions. Trooper Deitz was advised to continue with CPR until EMS arrived on the scene. Trooper Deitz and Mr. Tipton's son continued for approximately forty-five minutes to an hour until EMS arrived on the scene and took over. Mr. Tipton was placed on a backboard and carried to a boat where he was transported to a landing zone and airlifted to Mission Hospital. While in transport to Mission Hospital Mr. Tipton died. It was later determined that Mr. Tipton had suffered a massive stroke and brain aneurism. It was explained by medical staff at Mission that even though Mr. Tipton died, the life saving administered by Trooper Deitz and Mr. Tipton's son would allow the hospital to harvest Mr. Tipton's organs for transplants for other patients needing these life saving organs.



**First Sergeant T. E. Robinson**  
Motor Carrier Enforcement  
SHP Samaritan Service Award

On November 16th 2011, Lisa Evans, First Sergeants Terry Robinson, William Dancy, Tim Peterson were eating at McCall's Bar-B-Q. They were all eating when F/Sgt. Peterson's facial expression suddenly changed and he could not speak. F/Sgt. Peterson stood up and everyone at the table sensed something was wrong. F/Sgt. Dancy said, "He's choking." Without hesitation, F/Sgt. Robinson began three to four abdominal thrusts, practically lifting F/Sgt. Peterson off the floor. F/Sgt. Peterson ejected a large piece of steak, at which time he was able to breathe and regain his composure. Another patron in the restaurant and the manager came over to see if they could offer any further assistance. F/Sgt Peterson recovered quickly and did not need further medical attention.

**Captain K. M. Castelloe**  
Logistics  
SHP Samaritan Service Award

On the morning of November 8th 2011, Ms. Victoria Chatfield was drinking a cup of tea, at which time she began to choke. As she coughed the liquid blocked her airway and she couldn't breathe. She lost the ability to draw in a breath and she began to panic. She entered the hallway from her office, and banged on the wall adjacent to Captain Ken Castelloe's office. Ms. Joan Curtis was coming out of the break room and offered assistance while Ms. Chatfield attempted to do the Heimlich maneuver on her-

self but with no success. Captain Castelloe rushed out of his office and began performing the Heimlich maneuver. Shortly thereafter Ms. Chatfield was able to breathe. Captain Castelloe's ability to act swiftly during this time prevented Ms. Chatfield from any personal injury and enabled her to breathe again

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

#### *Meritorious Group Service Award:* **Troop H**

**Sergeant J. A. Brodhage**  
Troop H District 1SHP Meritorious  
Group Service Award

**Trooper J. B. Settlemire**  
Troop H, District 1SHP Meritorious  
Group Service Award

**Trooper P. B. Yount**  
Troop H, District 9SHP Meritorious  
Group Service Award

**Trooper J. L. Saucier**  
Troop H, District 9SHP Meritorious  
Group Service Award

**Trooper D. R. Ferguson**  
Troop H, District 1SHP Meritorious  
Group Service Award

**Trooper J. H. Smart**  
Troop H, District 4SHP Meritorious  
Group Service Award

**Trooper P. D. Smith**  
Troop H, District 3SHP Meritorious  
Group Service Award

Beginning in 2008, the Troop H Firearms Instructors set off with the ambiguous goal of improving the firearms training in Troop H to the point where all members were prepared for real-world encounters they may face during their normal duties. At the beginning of this process, the Troop H average scores were in the low eighty percentile range. The firearms instructors went above and beyond what was required of them by Training and Standards to structure the training in such a manner as to improve every members' skill set. These methods included formatting

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different training techniques and time allotments for different skill levels, shoot / don't shoot scenarios, simulations and other real-world training methods. Many times this meant one-on-one training with select shooters to improve weaknesses. The dedication of these instructors resulted in Troop H posting the NC State Highway Patrol's best overall daytime pistol scores for 2011 with an average of 90.58. The 2011 score was up from 2009 when the average score was 83.75. This equals a 7.5 percent increase in the average score. Many times I have heard individual members of Troop H speak about how they experienced a problem shooting their pistol and the firearms instructors worked to correct the problem. The commitment of the Troop H Firearms Instructors has unquestionably prepared the enforcement members of Troop H to better protect and serve the citizens of this State.

**RE1 Nabil G. Chakhtoura**  
Troop H Headquarters  
SHP Meritorious Service Award

In October, 2011 Mr. Chakhtoura took the initiative and suggested that



he voluntarily conduct initial repair screening for all Kustom radar equipment that is deemed to be in need of repair "for all SHP Districts" across the state. This process was approved by Captain K. M. Castelloe, which is now protocol for repairing the Kustom Radars

Mr. Chakhtoura has went above and beyond his job requirements by soliciting work outside of his primary responsibility in Troop H, thereby saving the NC State Highway Patrol a considerable amount of money.

An example of Mr. Chakhtoura's actions is when he determined he can change the Light Sensor on the Kustom Radar in about twenty minutes, at a cost of parts (\$2.00) instead of sending them back for repair to the factory, at a cost of \$141.00.

The display of this type of initiative is extremely vital in the current atmosphere of a very restrictive budgetary crisis that our State and Organization is now facing

**Trooper M. L. Stephens**  
Troop G, District 5  
SHP Meritorious Service Award



On Wednesday, 14 December 2011 around 11am (SEQ#111214035GA) Trp. Stephens was the lone trooper working in Jackson County. Trp.



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Stephens was monitoring his personal county radio and became aware of an armed robbery being reported to have occurred at the State Employee's Credit Union Branch in Cullowhee across from the Western Carolina University (WCU) Campus.

Trp. Stephens proceeded toward Cullowhee and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office broadcasted a BOLO of a possible suspect vehicle being reported by civilian witnesses to the robbery. Using great instincts, Trp. Stephens began patrolling the Cullowhee community checking trailer parks and other housing areas. While patrolling the Catamount Peaks Apartment Complex adjacent to the WCU Campus Trp. Stephens located a vehicle which matched the very detailed description which had been provided by the witness to the robbery.

Trp. Stephens notified the Sheriff's Office via his county radio of his location. Simultaneously the SHP Aviation Unit, which had been requested by the SBI, arrived in the area and heard Trp. Stephens call in his discovery of the suspect vehicle. The helicopter circled the apartment building while detectives and ground units from the Sheriff's Office investigated and discovered the suspect had left the area and proceeded in another vehicle onto the WCU Campus.

The suspect was a WCU student and WCU Campus Police proceeded to the suspect's known location on campus where he was contacted and returned to the apartment complex. After being questioned by detectives the suspect confessed to the armed robbery and investigators found the gun, cash and clothing worn during the robbery in the suspect's apartment and vehicle.

Trp. Stephens' great instincts, and his immediate response to the area to assist another agency, led to a felony arrest which most likely would not have been solved so promptly without his actions



**Lieutenant B. K. Lisenby**  
Professional Standards R&P  
SHP Meritorious Service Award  
**OSS Paul Nelson**  
Technical Services Unit  
SHP Meritorious Service Award  
**TAA Mark McLeod**  
Technical Services Unit  
SHP Meritorious Service Award

In August 2010, then Deputy Commander M. W. Gilchrist tasked the Performance Management unit with developing a strategy to strengthen the performance appraisal system for better supervisory accountability and oversight. The direction presented to the command staff was not only the revision of the performance appraisal documentation, but the implementation of an electronic filing system for storing appraisal documentation online for supervisor accessibility. This direction was approved and the Performance Management and Technical Services Units collaborated for development in October 2010, with a 1 January 2011 activation date.

Mr. Paul Nelson provided valuable insight into the requirements and demands of implementing such

"electronic file cabinets" and provided vision into a web based system that would be more user friendly. Lieutenant Lisenby stressed the need for virtual supervision as well as the need to retrieve ratings and other performance data. The initial implementation on 1 January 2011 required painstaking efforts from Mr. Nelson to set up the "G" drive server with appropriate storage capabilities and access levels for performance management oversight. The "G" drive folders required many hours of maintenance, file transfers, updates and problem solving to ensure an amicable environment for supervisors. The efforts of Mr. Nelson and Lieutenant Lisenby were outstanding at ensuring the performance management unit met its goals and objectives for 2011 while at the same time foreseeing the need for improvement and additional development. Lieutenant Lisenby traveled to several Troops conducting question and answer sessions seeking ways to improve the performance management folders and reduce time con-

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sumed on documentation and oversight.

In 2011, Mr. Mark McLeod was hired and worked closely with Lieutenant B. K. Lisenby to develop, design and implement the original vision of a web based performance appraisal entry system. The construction on the new project progressed over a seven (7) month period with Mr. McLeod and Lieutenant Lisenby working to build a system that would provide maximum benefit to the Highway Patrol supervisors which oversee and appraise all levels of employee performance. Mr. McLeod after learning of the difficulties of the "G" drive, consulted subject matter experts and searched out software options for building the best system possible to meet the needs of supervisors in the field.

On 31 October 2011, the Performance Management and Technical Services Units announced the successful implementation of a web based performance appraisal system for non-commissioned officers with an implementation date

of 1 January 2012. Lieutenant Lisenby and Mr. McLeod personally ensured that the requisite training was provided to every sworn supervisor and that a web based training environment was in place for testing even as they continue to develop the commissioned officers appraisal system which will be implemented 1 April 2012.

This new web based appraisal entry system will save time in appraisal entry, give supervisors a virtual method to measure performance documentation and provide tools for communicating performance expectations to employees while enhancing overall supervision. The result of project implementation symbolizes the pursuit of excellence in the area of organizational improvement. These goals could not have been accomplished without the extra effort, hard work and dedication of Mr. McLeod, the dedication and vision of Mr. Nelson, and the subject matter expertise and leadership of Lieutenant Lisenby. They should all be commended for a job very well done.

### **2011 ANNUAL TAYLOR/COGDILL AWARD**

Awarded to the Troop that has the overall largest percent decrease in reportable Commercial Motor Vehicle collisions over the previous year.

*Troop F*

### **2011 ANNUAL CAPTAIN T.L. CHEEK COLLISION REDUCTION AWARD**

The District that has the overall largest percent decrease in reportable collisions over the previous year.

*Troop C, District 8*

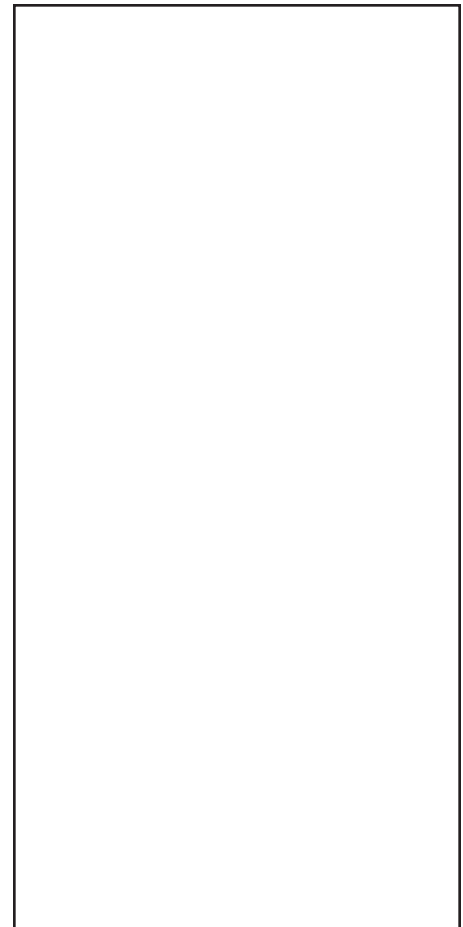
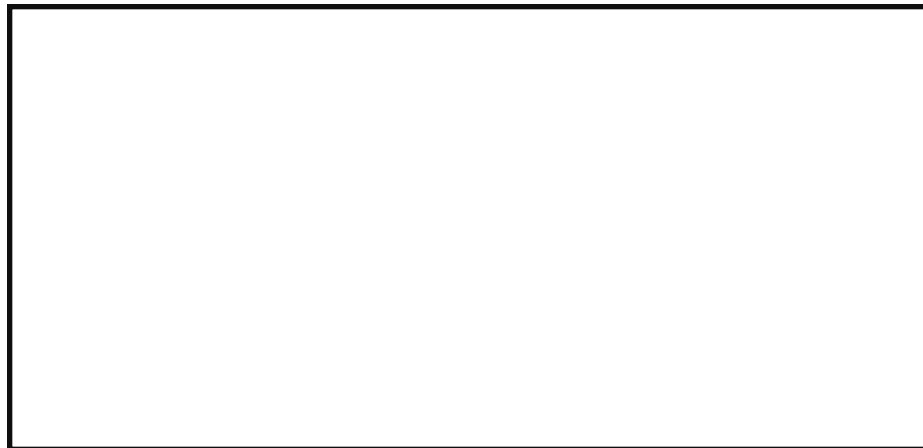
## Things we wish you knew....

**A**t a gathering of police supporters, the widow of a veteran officer, whose husband was killed in the process of detaining a violent criminal, was sharing her story with a small group of people. Her two young daughters were present – all three smiling through the memories and despair over the recent loss of their husband and father. During this brief conversation, the wife remarks, "I wish you knew my husband... he was such a good man."

These were powerful words that left a lasting impression on everyone within range.

Each year, more than 160 officers are killed in the line of duty, and increasingly, more and more officers suffer life-threatening or career-ending injury while in the process of performing their sworn duties. These are our local heroes; they are the brave men and women who have chosen to serve their community. They are our friends, our neighbors, and our family members. They made the choice to stand on guard to protect our families, our homes and our businesses. The more than 160 officers who are killed

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each year are irreplaceable to the families who love them.

The officers who manage to survive attacks by violent criminals - the ones who are not killed - are faced with the daunting task to recover and rebuild their lives. The FBI documents thousands of life threatening injuries to law enforcement officers that include gun shot wounds, assaults and physical confrontations, traffic accidents and much more. These injuries leave long lasting effects on the officers and their families. The effects are not only physical, but they leave emotional and mental scars as well.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (FELONIOUSLY) KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

#### *Victim Profile*

- The average age of the officers who were feloniously killed was 38 years.

- The slain officers' average length of law enforcement service was 10 years.
- Of the 56 officers slain, 54 were male, and 2 were female.
- By race, 48 of the victim officers were white, 7 were black, and 1 was Asian/Pacific Islander.

#### *Circumstances*

- 15 officers were killed in ambush situations.
- 14 officers died as a result of felonious attacks during arrest situations.
- 8 officers were slain while investigating suspicious persons/circumstances.
- 7 officers were killed during traffic pursuits/stops.
- 6 officers were murdered answering disturbance calls.
- 3 officers were slain during tactical situations (barricaded offend-

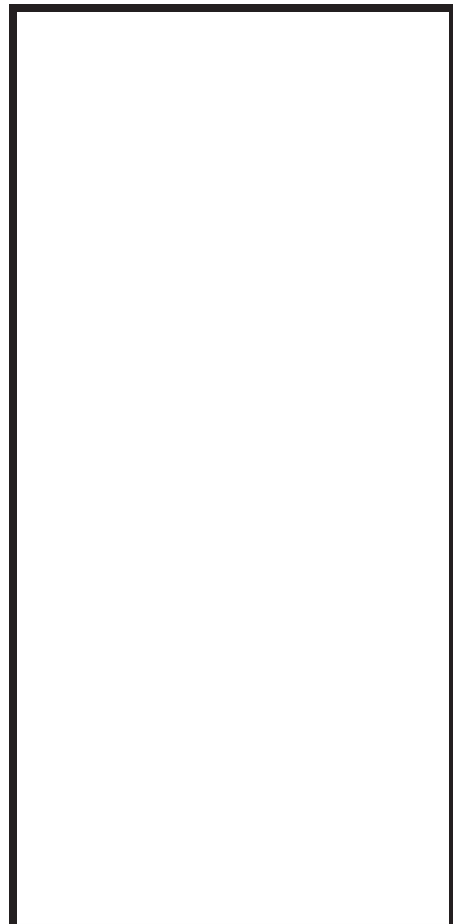
er, hostage taking, high-risk entry, etc.).

- 2 officers were killed while conducting investigative activity (surveillance, search, interview, etc.).
- 1 officer was killed while transporting or maintaining custody of a prisoner.

#### *Assignments*

- 42 officers who were slain were on assigned vehicle patrol.
- 8 officers were assigned to other duties, such as special assignments or undercover, when they were murdered.
- 5 of the slain officers were off duty but acting in an official capacity.
- 32 on-duty officers slain were assisted at the time of the attacks.
- 19 on-duty officers were alone

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and unassisted at the time of the incidents.

### **Weapons**

- Of officers killed, most (55) were killed with firearms. Of these, 38 were killed with handguns.
- 7 officers were killed with their own weapons.
- 7 officers attempted to use their weapons; 16 officers fired their weapons.
- 21 officers were slain with firearms when they were 0-5 feet from the offenders.

### **REGIONAL AND OUTLYING AREA BREAKDOWNS**

*Of the 56 officers who died as a result of felonious attacks:*

- 22 officers were employed in the South.
- 18 officers were employed in the

West.

- 10 officers were employed in the Midwest.
- 3 officers were employed in the Northeast.
- 3 officers were employed in Puerto Rico.

### **PROFILE OF ALLEGED KNOWN ASSAILANTS**

*69 alleged offenders were identified in connection with the 56 law enforcement officers feloniously killed. Of those offenders, the following characteristics are known:*

- The average age of the alleged offenders was 31 years old.
- The average height was 5 feet 10 inches tall, and the average weight was 178 pounds.
- 67 of the alleged offenders were male; 2 were female.
- 25 of the alleged offenders were

white, and 35 were black.

- Most (57) of the alleged offenders had prior criminal arrests.
- 19 of the alleged offenders were under judicial supervision at the time of the incidents.
- 10 of the alleged offenders were under the influence of a controlled substance at the time of the fatal incidents.
- 7 of the alleged offenders were under the influence of alcohol or were intoxicated at the time of the fatal incidents.

*\*data retrieved from  
[http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/leoka/leoka-2010/officers-feloniously-killed-on-Thursday, July 19, 2012](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/leoka/leoka-2010/officers-feloniously-killed-on-Thursday,July19,2012) (most recent data available)*

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In 2011, the Foundation began a mission to collect data and document the testimonials of family members who have survived devastation – the loss of a loved one. They watched their spouse prepare for work not realizing that his/her departure from home would be the last time. The video series, entitled "I Wish You Knew", features a variety of survivors who not only suffered through losses of family members, but the campaign focuses on law enforcement officers who have suffered life-threatening injuries that resulted from vicious attacks during the apprehension of suspects. These officers recount the moments that lead to their injuries in vivid details. They also share their thoughts on the impact that the Foundation's involvement made on their journey to recovery.

The 'I Wish You Knew' campaign's website was launched in 2012, and it has been receiving lots of positive feedback. The site is a compilation of surviving officers, family members and PTSD testimonials.

### **WWW.IWISHYOUKNEW.ORG THE STORIES –**

#### ***Mark Ayers***

Olive Branch PD – Mississippi

Mark is a long time veteran of law enforcement with more than a decade of experience. He is a military veteran who was born with a heart to serve his community and country. Mark and a fellow officer were attacked during a routine traffic stop that left him paralyzed after months of recovery.

#### ***DeWayne Crenshaw***

Tippah County Sheriff's Office, Mississippi

DeWayne was a former paratrooper and served as a law enforcement officer in Mississippi. DeWayne graduated at the top of his recruiting class. He was killed in the line of duty leaving behind a wife (of 27 years) and two adult children.

#### ***Peter Faatz***

Atlanta PD, Georgia

Peter was a graduate of Perdue University with a degree in Anthropology. He was a military veteran with a close family. Peter was accidentally killed while responding to a traffic incident. He was hit by a vehicle as he exited his patrol car.

#### ***John Taylor***

Roanoke Rapids PD, North Carolina

A 10-year veteran officer was

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critically injured during what he believed to be a routine traffic stop. The stop turned serious when he attempted to write a ticket for a traffic violation; he was shot 4 times (nearly losing his life).

### ***Sgt. Mickey Hutchens***

Winston-Salem PD, North Carolina

Mickey had more than 20 years of experience as a law enforcement officer. He had a wife and two beautiful daughters. Mickey was killed in the line of duty after responding to a burglary in process call (actually a domestic dispute). Mickey's partner was critically injured as well. Sgt. Hutchens was only months away from retirement.

### **ADDITIONAL FACTS:**

#### ***Law Enforcement Officer Injuries***

Law enforcement agencies reported that 53,469 officers were assaulted while performing their duties in 2010. The rate of officer assaults in 2010 was 10.0 per 100 sworn officers.

#### ***Injuries***

- 26.1 percent of the officers assaulted sustained injuries.
- 27.4 percent of the officers who were attacked with personal weapons (e.g., hands, fists, or feet) suffered injuries.
- 14.1 percent of the officers who were assaulted with knives or other cutting instruments were injured.
- 11.6 percent of officers who were attacked with firearms were injured.
- 23.4 percent of officers who were attacked with other dangerous weapons were injured.

#### ***Circumstances***

Of all officers who were assaulted in 2010:

- 33.0 percent were responding to disturbance calls (family quarrels, bar fights, etc.).
- 14.7 percent of the officers assaulted were attempting other arrests.
- 12.9 percent of the officers assaulted were handling or transporting prisoners.

*\* data collected retrieved from <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/leoka/leoka-2010/officers-assaulted> on Thursday, July 19, 2012. (latest available information) □*



# PBF: The Commitment to Education Continues

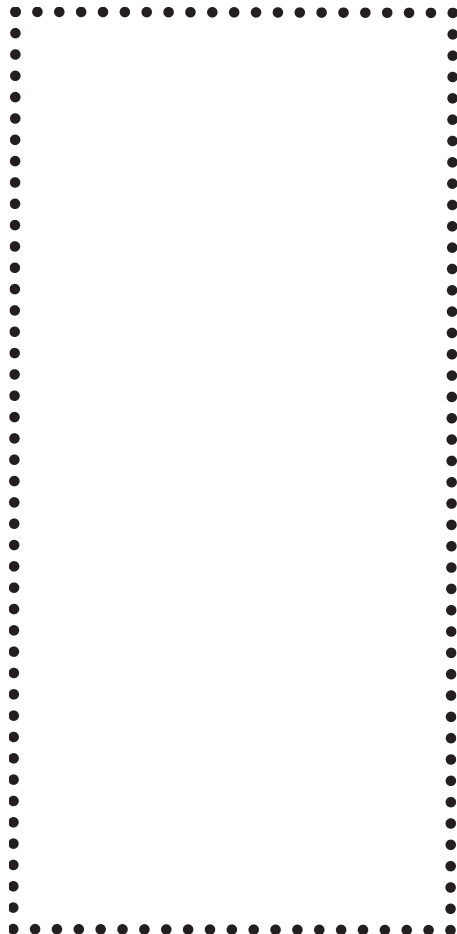
**D**id you know that the PBA has scholarships available to its members? Every year members' children are eligible to apply for scholarships to assist in continuing their educational pursuits. Make sure that you inquire for applications and make sure they are submitted by the deadlines so you have a chance at getting one of the scholarships available.

We are pleased to announce the following scholarships that have been awarded:

The Police Benevolent Foundation, Inc. is proud to

have continued its commitment to combat juvenile delinquency by furthering the education of young people. Over the past five years, the PBF has awarded an average of 14 scholarships each year to hard-working, well deserving students throughout the southern region of the United States. This year, the Foundation awarded a record number of scholarships to 23 amazing students. These students were chosen because they have demonstrated a drive toward excellence, and each student has chosen to

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pursue post-secondary academic degrees. Some have chosen criminology degrees in disciplines like criminal justice, pre-law, and forensics. Some have chosen to explore other academic interests. The most important choice they made was to succeed – to move beyond the status quo.

The Foundation values its role in providing financial assistance to students and their families. Each year, candidates are invited to submit applications that are reviewed by a scholarship selection committee. Once the applications are reviewed, the students and parents are notified and a scholarship check is forwarded to the college or university where the student has been admitted. Many of the recipients participate in a scholarship award ceremony conducted by local police officers and PBA members in their city or town. Please join us in congratulating

our 2012 recipients:

***The Alabama Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Scholarship***

John Plemons  
Joseph Prather

***The Arkansas Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Scholarship***

Kaitlin Felkins  
Alexis Hankins  
Mollee Steely  
Toni Thomas

***The Police Benevolent Association of Georgia, Inc. Scholarship***

Jordan Ramey  
Rebecca Robinson  
Brooke Vaughan

***The Mississippi Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Scholarship***

Madison Allred  
Rachel Kelley

***The North Carolina Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Scholarship***

John Crowder  
Delia D'Ambra  
Tucker Jarvis

***The South Carolina Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Scholarship***

Danisha Freeman  
Pamela Wyant

***The Tennessee Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Scholarship***

Dalton Watson  
Holly Woods

***The Virginia Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Scholarship***

Christina Alcorta  
Amanda Hood

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Danielle Widner  
***The Police Benevolent Foundation  
Scholarship***

Mollee Steely  
Danielle Widner

The PBF accepts scholarships from graduating high school seniors and college students who are currently enrolled in an accredited college or university. Applications are accepted beginning on December 1 and the deadline for submission is June 1st of

each year. Students whose parents are not sworn law enforcement officers and members of the PBA may qualify if they are pursuing a criminology degree. Students whose parents are PBA members may qualify regardless of degree path. □

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## Comment on a Trooper from the Motoring public

Everyday members of the NC State Highway Patrol are out patrolling the highways of our State. The Command staff has implemented a website that allows the public to "comment on a Trooper" by filling an online form and submitting comments to the Patrol. This information is then used to recognize Patrol members for their efforts that might otherwise not be known. This tool allows for better communication between the public we serve and the rank and file of the Highway Patrol.

Below are some of the comments submitted to the "Comment on a Trooper".

Here is a sample of some of the Comment on a Trooper from the Motoring public:

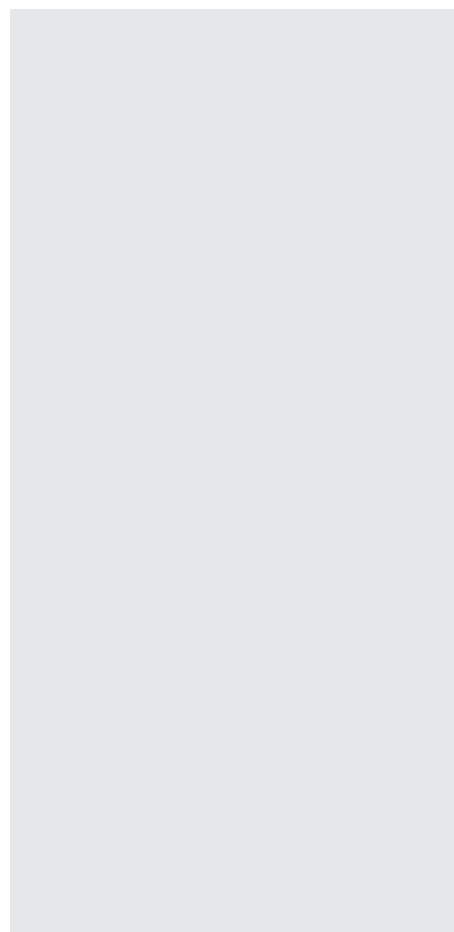
**Comment Date:** *Friday, August 3, 2012*

**Related SHP Report Number:**

**Trooper Name(s):** *Trooper-M.R. Willard E 245*

Thank you for stopping and helping us at or around mid-

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night on U.S. 220 By-Pass. This was, to me, above and beyond your duty. You not only stayed with us to make sure we were okay, but you made sure that we also got the help we needed for our trip home. Thank you ever so much. I will not forget your acts of kindness. I will keep you and your fellow officers in my prayers. Again, thank you and God bless you and protect you.

***Comment Date: Friday, July 20, 2012***

***Related SHP Report Number:***

***Trooper Name(s): Trooper Bost***

We were broken down, ran out of gas, we had our child, out in the middle of 90-100 degree weather.

We would have had to wait for an hour to 2 hours for AAA, when Trooper Bost pulled up. Took us on 2 trips to buy gas. The canister only held a gallon and the car wouldn't start until we had put in 2 gallons.

Then he followed us to the station to make sure we got there safe. God bless this man, he will always be remembered in our heart.

***Comment Date: Friday, July 20, 2012***

***Related SHP Report Number:***

***Trooper Name(s): Cockerham auto SHP1743 C340 (On window)***

We had blow-out on 264/64 west.1/4 mile from 540. We are not young and Officer Cockerham stayed with us through AAA tire change and our finding a tire store just off 540. "Like a son!" he went beyond "duty" to see us able to continue on our way. Praise to an exemplary Officer!!!

***Comment Date: Thursday,***

***June 14, 2012***

***Related SHP Report Number:***

***103475343***

***Trooper Name(s): N.J Talley***

On the date above I had an accident. It was very late and there are not many nchp officers in this county. It took him a while to show up but when he got there he was very nice, caring about what happened. Come to find out he was in bed because he was only on call. He treated us with the utmost respect and he even helped us to get the fenders on my truck bent out enough so I could get it home. He even sat there and talked to us for a few minutes about nothing really. I guess he knew my nerves where a little shaking so he wanted me to settle down so he knew it was safe for me to drive. I really respect this officer and think he needs to be told of what good of a job he is doing. I remember the last comment he made before we took off. We knew my truck was totaled and it was kind of funny the way he

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said it. "Watch out for the deer on the way home" even though my truck was in bad shape he made the best out of a bad night. I just wanted to thank him for that. Trooper Talley please keep up the good work and I know you will go a long way. Thank you

**Comment Date:** *Tuesday, August 7, 2012*

**Related SHP Report Number:**  
**Trooper Name(s):** *Goudelock*

My nephew, Casey J. Bowman, had an accident and was given a DWI late the night of 8/6/12. He called my husband and I to come to the Magistrate's office to pick him up that night (around 12:30 - 1:00am on 8/7/12). Goudelock was the officer in charge and I want to commend him on his professionalism with my nephew and with my husband and me. I am almost 56 years old and had never encoun-

tered anything like this and was a wreck, but this trooper was so outstanding with my nephew it kept me from falling apart. My nephew has tattoos and a lot of the time is treated with disrespect, but this trooper treated him like he was any other human who had done wrong and my nephew was very impressed by him and was ashamed of what he had done. I just wanted someone to know how professional he is on the job and how kind he was to us. Thank you.

**Comment Date:**

**Tuesday, August 7, 2012**

**Related SHP Report Number:**  
**Trooper Name(s):** *R. Roberts*

I was given the opportunity to participate in a NCSHP Ride-A-Long with Trooper Roberts. Trp. Roberts provided me with a great learning experience. He was very professional in

dealing with the public. Trp. Roberts made me want to become a member of the SHP even more than I already wanted to. I cannot wait to represent the NCSHP as well as Trp. Roberts does during his everyday encounters with the citizens of North Carolina

**County:** *Randolph*

**Sent To:** *NC State Highway Patrol*

**Date and Time Sent:** *Friday, August 10, 2012 10:54 PM*

North Carolina Trooper Sargent Glen Smith (Asheboro) "gives new meaning and raises the bar of his oath to serve and protect" the citizens of North Carolina. I was in BBQ Joe's Restaurant in High Point on Monday, August 6, when Sargent Glen Smith and his wife entered the restaurant to have a quiet lunch. There was an elderly woman in the restaurant cry-

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ing and claiming to be a diabetic going from table to table telling everyone, saying that because of her diabetes she needed food. Also, claiming to have been at several nearby churches in search of food and being turned away. Trooper Smith observed this lady briefly, then reached into his pocket without hesitation, fanfare, or concern for personal recognition. Trooper Smith purchased this lady a meal from his own money. "Trooper Smith is a true hero." If there were more people like this Trooper, what a fine world this would be. I am glad that numerous restaurant patrons witnessed this gesture of kindness. People from the restaurant gathered around my car in the parking lot discussing what they had just witnessed from this Trooper. I hope everyone will remember this selfless gesture from one human being to another. It certainly made my day.

***Comment Date:***

***Friday, August 17, 2012***

***Related SHP Report Number:***

***Trooper Name(s): Inman***

I am so grateful that he possibly saved our son's life and others when he pulled him off the road for a DUI. Trooper Inman went the extra mile in locating our son's truck so we could move it to our home in Raleigh. At a stressful time for us his helpful attitude made it a little less stressful. Thank you so much for your service and dedication. He truly is one of NC finest.

***Comment Date:***

***Sunday, August 19, 2012***

***Related SHP Report Number:***

***Trooper Name(s): Joel King***

Hello:

I am sending a written copy of my letter to your office but I thought I

would send a copy to your email as well. Thanks much!

I am writing to tell you how absolutely wonderful, kind and helpful one of your troopers was to me yesterday. His name was Mr. Joel King. Late yesterday afternoon, I was returning to Greensboro from Atlantic Beach, NC. It was raining and traffic was heavy. There must have been an accident up ahead because traffic came to a full stop. It was stop and go for quite a while. When the traffic finally began to move, my car cut off and wouldn't start! I tried unsuccessfully to restart it many times. I finally put my emergency flashers on and began to try and figure out what to do. I was in the middle of an active lane of traffic on I-85/I-40! A very kind truck driver got me off to the side of the road. I made some phone calls and

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was waiting for my family to call back. I had been in my car for about 20 minutes when I started thinking about how dangerous my position was so I got out of the car. I was so thankful to see the blue lights come up behind my distressed car. Trooper King was so very nice and very professional. He radioed for one of your support vehicles to come out. They put gas in my car to see if that was the problem. Unfortunately putting gas in the vehicle did not work. Trooper King then called a tow truck for me. He stayed with me until my father showed up and then he stayed with us until the tow truck came and we were safely able to exit the precarious position that we occupied on the interstate. I know that Mr. King was doing his job but he truly was so helpful and was such a fine representation of your department. His presence helped me to feel calmer and certainly safer.

I didn't really know what to do to say thank you but I hope he is able to know how much I appreciated him being there for me. He came along at

just the right time and it was a blessing. I am extremely grateful.

***Comment Date:***

***Monday, August 27, 2012***

***Related SHP Report Number:***

***Trooper Name(s): trooper unknown***

Unfortunately, I didn't get the name of the very kind trooper that helped my husband and me change our tire on Aug 12, 2012 coming out of the mountains of Virginia and just entering North Carolina....it was much appreciated and I didn't want to let it go unnoticed. Thank you again for your help.

***Comment Date:***

***Sunday, August 12, 2012***

***Related SHP Report Number:***

***Trooper Name(s): A. Alcorn***

Recently my elderly mother & father-in-law were involved in an automobile accident. My mother-in-law was slightly injured & had to be taken to the emergency room. When Trooper Alcorn arrived at the hospital he was very reassuring to my father-in-

law who was the driver & showed concern for my mother-in-law. I was very impressed with his maturity, caring and knowledge for such a young man. Thank you Trooper Alcorn for all you did that day.

***Comment Date:***

***Friday, August 31, 2012***

***Related SHP Report Number: 064***

***Trooper Name(s): M.B. Childres***

Trooper Childres was the officer on the scene of my friend's motorcycle accident today. He handled this situation with the utmost professionalism. He assessed the situation and provided help in critical areas to help save the life of my friend. He displayed the ability and compassion to not only handle the accident scene but help comfort my injured friend. Trooper Childres is the pinnacle of how a trooper should handle an emergency such as this! We are thankful to him and your department.

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## PBA activity during 1st quarter

The PBA is providing services on a regular basis to its membership. I often hear what am I getting for the dues that I am paying? Fortunately most of us have not needed the legal aid that is available to you through PBA. During the first quarter of 2012 the PBA has been utilized in NC by its members. The table below is what has been assigned on behalf of members.

It is critical that you have your dues paid and up to date so you are covered by all of the PBA benefits. No one ever knows when they are going to be named in a suit, be involved in a critical incident or be faced with a deadly use of force situation. Consider using the automatic payroll deduction or the automatic bank draft options to make sure your dues do not lapse.

### **NORTH CAROLINA 1/3/12**

A member with Brunswick County Sheriff's Department was involved in a shooting incident on December 26, 2011. PBA Attorney James Payne was contacted and responded to the scene to assist the member in this matter.

### **NORTH CAROLINA 1/12/12**

Two members with Knightdale Police Department were involved in a shooting incident on January 12, 2011. PBA

Attorney William Finn, Jr., responded to the scene to assist the members.

### **NORTH CAROLINA 1/17/12**

Two members with Cumberland County Sheriff's Office were involved in a shooting incident on January 14, 2012. PBA Attorney Haral E. Carlin responded to assist Member Chastain. Attorney James R. Parish responded to assist Member Blevins.

### **NORTH CAROLINA 1/24/12**

A member with Taylortown Police Department has contacted PBA regarding a criminal issue. PBA Attorney Christopher Wood has been assigned to represent the member in this matter.

### **NORTH CAROLINA 1/24/12**

A member with Maxton Police Department has contacted PBA regarding a possible criminal issue. PBA Attorney J. Michael McGuinness has been assigned to represent the member in this matter.

### **NORTH CAROLINA 1/24/12**

A member with Halifax County Sheriff's Department has

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contacted PBA regarding a grievance issue. PBA Attorney J. Michael McGuinness has been assigned to represent the member in this matter.

**NORTH CAROLINA 1/24/12**

A member with Carbarrus County Sheriff's Department has contacted PBA regarding a certification issue. PBA Attorney J. Heydt Philbeck has been assigned to represent the member in this matter.

**NORTH CAROLINA 2/13/12**

A member with Wake County Sheriff's Office was involved in a shooting incident on February 12, 2012. PBA Attorney Michelle Sparrow was contacted and responded to assist the member in this matter.

**NORTH CAROLINA 2/20/12**

A member with Buncombe County Sheriff's Office was involved in a shooting incident on February 20, 2012. PBA Attorney Sean Devereux was contacted and responded to the scene to assist the member.

**NORTH CAROLINA 2/24/12**

A member with Wrightsville Police Department has contacted PBA regarding a disciplinary issue. PBA

Attorney R. Michelle Sparrow has been assigned to represent the member in this matter.

**NORTH CAROLINA 3/2/12**

A member with North Carolina Highway Patrol was involved in a shooting incident on March 1, 2012. PBA Attorney Robert (Bert) Nunley was contacted and responded to the scene to assist the member.

**NORTH CAROLINA 3/23/12**

Three members with Greenville Police Department have been named as defendants in a pending lawsuit. PBA Attorney Glenn Barfield has been assigned to monitor the case on behalf of the members

**NORTH CAROLINA 3/23/12**

A member with Buncombe County Sheriff's Department has been named as a defendant in a pending lawsuit. PBA Attorney Michelle Rippon has been assigned to monitor the case on behalf of the member.

**NORTH CAROLINA 3/26/12**

A member with Winston-Salem Police Department was involved in a shooting incident on March 23, 2012. PBA Attorney Carl F. Parrish was contacted

and is assisting the member in this matter.

**NORTH CAROLINA 4/10/12**

A member with Fayetteville Police Department was involved in a shooting incident on April 10, 2012. PBA Attorney Haral Carlin was contacted and responded to the scene to assist the member.

**NORTH CAROLINA 4/23/12**

A member with Fayetteville Police Department was involved in a shooting incident on April 22, 2012. PBA Attorney Mike Williford was contacted and is currently assisting the member in this matter.

**NORTH CAROLINA 4/27/12**

A member with Cary Police Department has been named as a defendant in a pending lawsuit. PBA Attorney April MacBride has been assigned to monitor the case on behalf of the member. □

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