

Compliance Corner

NATIONAL

Labor Day

The idea for a general labor festival may have originated in Canada, however, according to Linda Stinson, a former historian for the Department of Labor, there are a few theories that boast the start of Labor Day in the United States. The day was initially dubbed "a day of the people" and came into focus through the efforts of all workers in trades, unions and mills throughout the country. Today, it remains a day to recognize the labors of people that provide service and products in the place we call home, America. Enjoy the fruits of your labor this weekend.

STATE

Fall Events

NC has plenty of events right here to explore and enjoy the labors of the folks of our great state. Visit <https://www.visitnc.com/> for more information.

LOCAL

Permanent Medication Dropbox

Bring your unused or expired pills to one of Brunswick County's permanent drop box locations:

Sheriff's Office

- 1379 River Road SE, Leland
- 70 Stamp Act Drive NE, Bolivia
- 10176 Beach Drive, Calabash

Police Departments

- 102 Town Hall Drive, Leland
- 9 East Boiling Spring Road, BSL
- 3 West 3rd Street, Ocean Isle



Celebrate
the work of our hands
Labor Day

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For Safety's Sake... Brunswick County Professional Drivers

- Article contributed by Eileen L. Gardner, Risk Manager

During this summer, Brunswick County had an all call training for employees who drive County vehicles. The purpose of the training was to get out of auto-pilot and sharpen driving skills. The instructor Gerald Honeyblue, Risk Consultant and Professional Driver, gave some crucial techniques to bring the act of operating a motor vehicle back into focus when behind the wheel. He pointed out the tasks county employees perform that qualifies them as professional drivers and the commonalities of professional drivers. Here are common qualifiers shared by employees and professional drivers: Drivers must adjust to the vehicle (particularly mirrors); be keen while engaged in driving; guard your license - it's your livelihood; do not engage in road rage; and finally, drive in a bubble. In other words, keep a safe distance between you and the other motorists. That may be the single most important technique that saves lives.

Other driver training opportunities for employees this summer were geared toward those who hold a Commercial Driver's license (CDL). Everyone who is required to have this particular license for their job, again, is a professional driver. Periodically, the County reviews all positions that are required to obtain a Commercial Driver's License and safety sensitive positions as defined by US Department of Transportation (DOT) 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 40. Reviewing the process keeps the County current with changes in legislation. For example, DOT implemented medical self-certification changes from 2012-2015. Another example, is when a CDL holder is involved in a motor vehicle accident. DOT requires a drug test be performed immediately if a CDL holder is involved in a motor vehicle accident where a fatality, injury or tow occurs.

For a complete guide with updates to what is required by the Federal Transportation Administration please use one of the following authoritative sites: <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc> or <https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.dev/files/docs/ODAPC%20EmployeeHandbook%20En.pdf>

In addition, AAA Carolinas has started a new campaign this year to try and combat the trend of phone-distracted drivers called "Disconnect and Drive." (Star News, Jul 24, 2016). This program uses research to support the basis of AAA's top ten tips to avoid distractions while driving. For the full campaign outlay, go to <http://carolinas.aaa.com/aaasafety-and-news/Pages/Distracted-Driving.aspx>.

Reviewing current practices, while checking against industry standards, ensures the County's compliance and commitment to safety. Each day, Brunswick County employees are the motoring public, assist the motoring public and are required to uphold public safety laws. Training and informational opportunities provided by Brunswick County throughout the year are a means of support for all employees. The focus of the training is to improve on skill sets, ensure employee safety and uphold compliance with laws that govern our work. Take advantage of a training session at work to better your workplace skills. Now, after a safe and productive summer, let's give way to a Labor Day celebration for Brunswick County employees. Be safe and enjoy!

If you have any questions regarding this article, the training, or procedures referred to in this article, please feel free to contact Eileen Gardner at 910.253.2078 or Melanie Turrise at 910.253.2003.



All in a day's work...



SAFE TRACK

Household Mosquito Control - A message from Health and Human Services

The Asian Tiger mosquito is most commonly found within 300 feet of a home. Homeowners can reduce their risk by eliminating mosquito breeding sites and protecting yourself from mosquito bites.

What homeowners can do:

- Empty or recycle containers in your yard that can collect water, like tires, buckets, bottles and plastic tarps.
- Change water in pet bowls and bird baths at least twice a week.
- Cover unused swimming pools.
- Clean clogged rain gutters.
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets.

Protect yourself from mosquito bites:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Avoid being outdoors when there are a lot of mosquitoes, such as at dawn and dusk.
- Avoid areas where there are lots of mosquitoes.
- Use repellents with DEET (25 % or less for adults, 10% or less for children) to prevent mosquito bites, following label instructions.

NUMBER OF MOSQUITO SPECIES

World **3,000 species**
 United States **150 species**
 North Carolina **61 species**
 Brunswick County **46 species**



Off The Wall ...Training for your next safety meeting

Post this on the wall for everyone to see



Take Away Tips...Power Tool Safety

Safety plays a big part when working with power tools. To learn more, check out the Power Tool Safety PowerPoint presentation posted under the Risk Management Section of the intranet (<http://intranet.brunswickcountync.gov/Departments/RiskManagement.aspx>)



Unplugging

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Safe Work Areas

- If a cutting tool stalls, switch off the power and unplug the tool before trying to restart it
- When using a power saw, let it reach full speed before cutting. Be sure to support the work firmly so it won't shift.
- Never use your hands to clear the scraps from a sawing work table.

A Safety Tip brought to you by your Safety Review Team.

Radial Arm Saw



BRUNSWICK COUNTY SAFETY TRAINING CALENDAR

Month	Level I	Level II	Contact Person	Contact #
	All Departments	Occupation Specific		
September	Hand Tool Safety Fall Protection	Confined Spaces Machine Guarding	Donald Dixon Eileen Gardner	253-2485 253-2078