

## Compliance Corner NATIONAL

AAA predicts a total of 1.2 million North Carolinians will travel 50 miles or more from home during the holidays, with motorists composing 90 percent of all travelers. That's an increase of 36% over last year's holiday travel. Drivers should expect congestion and allow plenty of time for travel.

## STATE

December 1, 2014 is the date targeted by OSHA to have completed employee training on the new Global Harmonization Standard. This revised the current Hazard Communication Standard. All of our affected employees have been trained and will continue to work within compliance as the standard plan unfolds.

By Jan. 1, 2014, NC food/beverage establishments must have at least one supervisor certified as a food protection manager through an American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited program or face a two-point violation from the state health department.

## LOCAL

Brunswick County Utilities recently received the *Large Water Distribution System of the Year* Award from the NC American Water Works Association and the NC Water Environment Association (NC AWWA-WEA), competing with Raleigh and Charlotte-Mecklenburg. The award cited Brunswick County's non-revenue water percentage and the meter change out program. In the past 3 years our utilities employees have successfully changed out 24,000 meters.



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## For Safety's Sake... Focus on Facilities

By Stephanie Lewis, Director, Operation Services Department

Operation Services would like to take this opportunity to thank all County employees for their patience and cooperation during the past year as we have undertaken several major projects around the Complex. The roof replacement of Building I and the demolition of Building J have both been successfully completed without an accident or injury. The parking lots and sidewalks in this area have been re-opened for business and your convenience. While the work is underway in front of the old jail to build the new call center, please use caution when parking in this section. Once the new call center is completed, the sidewalk will be the last to part of the project to be constructed. This work is a visible sign of growth and improvement to our workplace, where workers and visitors can greatly benefit from updated facilities with ease of use.

New things to note:

- Operation Services has a new HVAC contractor, Salt Air Inc. You may see employees or vehicles from Salt Air as they will be performing routine and preventative maintenance in County buildings.
- A prevention program that includes air monitoring is underway in buildings at the Complex. All air samples have come back within the normal range of air quality, with the exception of Building E. Corrective action is underway.
- Fire alarm inspections have been ongoing and should be completed next week. (Fire drills and evacuations to follow).

All the facilities are kept safe and in good repair through the joint efforts of Operation Services and the occupants. With each person taking time to do their part in responsible ownership, making adjustments where possible and prompt reporting of unsafe conditions it makes for a healthy workplace!

Happy Holidays to All!

## Health & Human Service Safety

Representatives from agencies across the Cape Fear region gathered at Cooperative Extension to practice isolation and quarantine procedures in the event of a communicable disease outbreak. This event, hosted by the Health and Human Services Department, was well attended as it underscored the employee and public safety culture in Brunswick County.



The respirator program will get an up-fit next year with the Fire Marshal's office using new equipment for proper selection and fit testing.



### Can You Hear Me Now?

Cell phone usage is being considered for plane travel above 10k ft. Eighty percent of the airline industry says it would negatively impact safety. Sixty-four percent of passengers say cell phone use would negatively impact the traveling experience. Even if approved, cellphone use would still be restricted during takeoff and landing.



# SAFE TRACK

Comparison for 10 months (January thru October) for each year listed

	<u>Claim Type</u>	<u># of Claims</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2013	Lost Time	8	\$68,635
	Medical Only	54	\$40,233
	Info Only	24	-
	<b>Total Claims &amp; Costs</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>\$108,868</b>
2012	Lost Time	2	\$171,421
	Medical Only	34	\$33,028
	Info Only	22	-
	<b>Total Claims &amp; Cost</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>\$204,449</b>

The data in the chart tells the story of Brunswick County's dedication to safety. Overall, the costs are reduced by 47% in this calendar year to date. The number of claims reported has increased due to first aid treatment given for medical. Employees are reporting everything which gives a better picture of where our accidents are occurring, serving a three part approach to safety. We focus first to educate employees on prevention, secondly to treat accurately and finally to reduce hazards at work significantly.

## SAFETY FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS

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

Post this on the wall for everyone to see



### Take Away Tips...Employee Training

Every supervisor should note whether or not all employees in their charge have undergone safety training. This training should be made available to all employees and should illustrate potential on the job hazards, how to prevent them, and company protocol in case of an accident or emergency. Employees who do not undergo safety training may not be aware of all of the potential hazards of working in an industrial plant, which could result in injury. Refer to the training calendar below to keep your training program current.

### SAVE THE DATE

January 16, 2013—Ergonomics At Work Training

January 23, 2014—Water & Wastewater Continuing Ed

## BRUNSWICK COUNTY SAFETY TRAINING CALENDAR

Month	Level I	Level II	Contact Person	Contact #
January	All Departments Accident Prevention / Reporting	Occupation Specific Accident Prevention / Reporting	Eileen Gardner	253.2078
February	Global Harmonization Standard	Chemical Safety/SPCC	Fred Michael	253.2298
March	Office Safety	Material Handling Working Walking Surfaces	Debbie Isenhour Lee Curry	253.2644 253.2120
April	Driver Training Forklift Training	Driver Training Forklift Training	Eileen Gardner Bryan Hollis	253. 2078 253. 2509
May	Evacuation & Fire Safety	Evacuation & Fire Safety	Fire Marshal	253.2572
June	Bloodborne Pathogens	Bloodborne Pathogens	Fred Michael	253.2298
July	Personal Protective Equipment Ergonomics	Personal Protective Equipment Respiratory- SCBA Fit Test/Hearing	Eileen Gardner Eileen Gardner	612.2079 253.2078
August	Equipment Safety	Global Harmonization / Lab Safety	Fred Michael	253.2298
September	Hand Tool Safety	Confined Spaces Machine Guarding	Ronald Moore Bryan Hollis	253.2680 253.2509
October	Flammables & Combustibles	Flammables and Combustibles	Fire Marshal	253.2572
November	Electrical Safety	LOTO	Eileen Gardner	253.2078
December	Safety Review	Plant Safety Review	All Members	

Additional safety training is provided at the request of the department head. Driver training can be done throughout the year at employee orientation. Email [safetyreviewboard@brunscoco.net](mailto:safetyreviewboard@brunscoco.net) for more information.

Email [safetyreviewboard@brunscoco.net](mailto:safetyreviewboard@brunscoco.net) to schedule your department's training!

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