

**Kevin Beauregard - Director's Office**

- Heat Stress Standard
  - Commissioner will provide heads up to stakeholders
  - Announcement of Plans with next month
  - Initiation of rulemaking
- Commissioner announcement of NCDOL/OSH Leadership changes at 10am on 6/22
- State Budget
  - Additional 2.5% increase on top of 2.5% increase already in Budget?
  - Penalty Increases
  - Statute of Limitation Change
- VA OSHSPA meeting 8/29-8/30 – 6 NC attendees
  - Hotel Reservations
  - DOLB-8
  - Vehicles – Carpool?
- Appropriation Rider
  - OSHA memo 3/9/22
  - NC adoption of CPL 02-00-051 - 6/14/2022
- ISG lawsuit update
  - Stay Granted
  - Plaintiffs motion to compel disclosure documents denied
- IRS mileage reimbursement rate changes to .625 on 7/1 (APN 11K)
- Personal Observance Leave Code 9571
- NCVIP
  - Step 1, employee began 6/20
  - Step 2 – supervisor begins 7/5
- I'll be out of state 6/27-6/29 and on leave 6/30-7/1
- No BC meeting 7/5/22

**Scott Mabry – Assistant Director's Report**

**Wanda Lagoe – Education, Training and Technical Assistance Bureau**

- Projected Date of Completion for the new One Stop Shop is August.
- Health Trainer position reposted.
- Safety Awards will finish up mid-July.
- Babble seats are full. Will relook at APN and also how to access advanced seats via Jay.
- Marcy is finalizing annual training; Safety track - Machine guarding LOTO by Grizzly, Health track - Tony Watson conducting toxicology, and Robin Tudor conducting respirator training for ASH.

- PSM training – two weeks in September/October
- Jury duty the next three days.
- E MESH will be introduced in November at the Safety Summit.

#### **Kevin O’Barr - Consultative Services Bureau**

- CSB is delivering the new standards books to Winston-Salem for the compliance’s W/S and Asheville offices.
- Mark Luniewski is conducting more interviews for his opening this week.
- CSB had created another targeted mailing list for small general contractors and will be direct mailing about 166 employers
- Kevin O’Barr’s bi-annual ethics refresher training is scheduled for July 13.

#### **Beth Rodman- Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau**

- Preocc Stats 2022: Preocc Stats 2022: 2063 registrations; 1968 inspections conducted, 1884 certificated issued, 660 Provisionals (3 remaining)
- ASH IT program: ASH program meetings with ImageSoft will resume on June 21, 2022
- Upcoming training: June 30, 2022, in Wilson, NC. ASH staff will train growers and workers on Heat Stress.
- ASH staff meeting scheduled for June 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Current meetings/groups - COVID-19 workgroup (as needed), Migrant Health and Housing (as needed), Farmworker COVID Vaccine task force (once per month); farm machinery safety workgroup (periodic); Farmworker Vaccine Plan Project Management Team Advisory Group (once per month)

#### **Anne Weaver – Planning Statistics and Information Management Bureau**

- PSIM Bureau employee, Jesika Freeman, has resigned effective July 4, 2022. The position will be advertised / posted.
- After almost a month since the initial mailing of the Public Sector Survey on May 25, 2022, we have a current response rate of 55%.
- The PSIM Bureau currently has 337 outstanding, releasable disclosure requests. Staff continue to work through the backlog.
- PSIM Bureau Chief will be out of the office on leave from July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Karen Padgett will be in charge during that time.

#### **Nicole Brown- East Compliance Bureau**

- Staffing
  - No staffing changes; reposting vacant positions; mainly getting 1 candidate for each referral list, which limits our ability to select qualified candidates

- 6-months OPN 64 meeting conducted with Tyler Smith, SCO Trainee (D8) and Tyler Bobo, HCO (D9); both employees are on track; During a
  - 6-month OPN 64 meeting scheduled today for Clifton Brown, HCO Trainee (D8)
  - Still waiting on D7 Supervisor to schedule OPN 64 meetings with his CSHOs in training; The request has been made to get these scheduled.
  - Need to discuss how CSHO trainees are going to complete some of the areas of their OPN that require them to work with other Bureaus. (i.e., ETTA Standards, Carolina STAR, Complaint Desk etc.); Due to the need to work in close confinements with the Complaint Desk there has been a delay in getting trainees scheduled to come to Raleigh due to some people's discomfort b/c everyone is not willing to wear a face covering and some of the staff still wear face coverings. Another issue is with the high volume of calls, they don't have the time currently to sit and talk people through the calls. We may need to postpone and resume after the summer months.
- Casefiles
  - Sanderson Farms 318235462; is written and completed and CSHO is addressing BC comments; This file had to be completed by another CSHO b/c the CSHO initially assigned has gone out on FMLA twice during this inspection. Employer knowledge is a sticking point, and we are working to get that written a little better.
  - Enviva Pellets #318235348 has been resubmitted to BC; will review the newly added citation and hope to have that completed by close of business today. Hopefully only minimal comments and the file can be routed to DOs for review.
  - Brave Quest Corporation 318235934; ongoing issues with whether NCDOL can establish employer knowledge for citations. CSHO is providing responses to the DOs with additional information.
- IT is still working with Complaint Desk to resolve complaint line phone issues; trying to secure more data storage
- This is a statement: Yesterday I was informed we were using June 14<sup>th</sup> the day NCDOL was using for the effective date for the Appropriations Act. I have had DSs request that be confirmed/verified via email to ensure they are using the correct dates to enforce (apply) the guidance in the CPL and via email

#### **Paul Sullivan -West Compliance Bureau**

- Personnel update
  - Current Status out of **55 CSHO positions** (26 Health and 29 Safety).
    - **37 released CSHOs (67%)** – 20 Health (77%) and 17 Safety (60%)
      - SCO Jamie Lawson (WS, District 5) was released June 15, 2022.
    - **6 CSHO Trainees (11%)**

- SCO Stephen Way (WS, District 6) should be released in the next month or so. Other trainees are returning employees, have previous OSHA experience, or are SCO to HCO transfers – so four of the six should be released by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - **12 vacancies (22%)**
    - One hiring package was sent up late last week. Another is pending. We are not getting *more* qualified applicants, but it seems like the ones referred through have some good experience.
- Where is the West BC?
  - Off July 1<sup>st</sup> for softball tourney in Roanoke
  - On vacation in Hilton Head, SC most of the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Thur/Fri July 21 and 22 in Wilmington for a softball tourney.
- Notable fatality cases where citations have recently been issued or are nearing completion:

#### PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FATALITIES

- **Transylvania County Sheriff's Office (318237344)** – COVID fatality. One serious citation for improper respirator selection (KN95 instead of N95) and one NS citation for the failure to report a COVID fatality were issued on 5/4/2022 with a penalty of \$9550. An ISA was recently executed reducing the penalty by 25% with no change to the citations. The inspection was closed on 6/20/2022.

#### Judyth Forte – State Plan Coordinator

- Feds have made several requests for information. Latest was about livestock/farm workers. Requesting answers to a series of questions and a request for a link to our SOAR. (Wanda added it to our website)
- Replacement of Appendix A for CPL 02-00-051, Enforcement Exemptions and Limitations under the Appropriations Act was not conveyed to the State Plans and was not in the SPA.
- FAME should be issued to us by June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Next Quarterly meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup> – We had planned for August, but Kim will be the acting Area Director for the Savannah office for August and September, so will be busy.