

TREELINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

The week of October 18-24, 2015 was officially National Forest Products Week (NFPW). It dates back to September 13, 1960 when the U.S. Congress officially recognized NFPW through legislation. It is a week where we recognize and highlight the environmental and economic impacts that our forests and the forest products industry have on our state.

According to the most recent data collected by the North Carolina Forest Service, North Carolina's forest products sector had the following economic impact numbers. North Carolina Forest Products industry:

- Produced \$16.0 billion in output and employed over 63,200 people with a payroll of \$3.3 billion

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APPEALS COURT PUTS NATIONWIDE HOLD ON CLEAN WATER RULE

A federal appeals court in Ohio ordered a nationwide hold on the "Waters of the United States" rule on October 16, 2015. The ruling seeks to provide some time for the federal courts to come to a consensus on the the Environmental Protection Agency's latest changes to the Clean Water Act.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit said that it an injunction on the new rule will restore uniformity to the national water policy while litigation moves through the federal courts in different states.

A North Dakota federal court already has blocked enforcement of the rule in 13 states in August. After that North Dakota decision, the EPA pledged to enforce the rule in the rest of the United States.

The majority in the 6th Circuit stated in its opinion that "...the integrity of the nation's waters will not suffer imminent injury if the new scheme is not immediately implemented and enforced," the majority opinion said.

The "sheer breadth of the ripple effects caused by the rule's definitional changes counsels strongly in favor of maintaining the status quo for the time being...A stay allows for a more deliberate determination whether this exercise of executive power, enabled by Congress and explicated by the Supreme Court, is proper under the dictates of federal law....A stay temporarily silences the whirlwind of confusion that springs from uncertainty about the requirements of the new rule and whether they will survive legal testing." ■

NCFA ANNUAL MEETING INFORMED AND ENTERTAINED IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC



(l-r) Ted Graham, Greg Decker, Harold Williams, Shannon Buckley and William Godfrey enjoyed the opening reception for the NCFA's Annual Meeting.

The NCFA's Annual Meeting was a great success as over 205 members traveled to South Carolina to participate. The meeting featured knock-out performances by the Embers on Wednesday night and the Coconut Groove Band on Thursday evening.

When the group wasn't dancing, they were hearing from a talented cast of invited speakers. A complete list of speakers and their presentations (if they allowed them to be shared) are listed on the NCFA's website. The presentations are also uploaded to the NCFA's Annual Meeting App, which can be downloaded to a phone or tablet.

The NCFA's Silent Auction, which benefits the Forest and Education Conservation Fund, raised over \$10,000. The NCFA also raised an additional \$2,000 for the South Carolina Red Cross by raffling a \$500 Bass Pro Shop gift card that was donated by Jeff Edwards of Edwards Wood Products.

During the Thursday evening awards dinner, the NCFA's Distinguished Service Award was presented to Larry Harris of Jordan Lumber & Supply Company. Forestry Mutual also honored their Logger of the Year, Greg Taylor, for his excellent safety record.

Joe Stewart, with North Carolina



(center) Larry Harris is joined by son, Robert and wife, Tip after receiving the NCFA's top award on Thursday evening.



Joe Stewart spoke to the membership on Thursday evening.

Free Enterprise Foundation, provided a political update on the changing demographics of North Carolina as reflected in the past two elections. Stewart's message included the fact that the urban centers continue to grow and so does their influence on our state's politics.

Earlier on Thursday during lunch, Tonia Burger with International Paper was honored as the NCFA's Educator of the Year Award.

The Friends of Forestry PAC acknowledged two Friends of Forestry during the Thursday luncheon. This year's recipients were *(continued on page 5)*

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SUBMIT NEWS TO THE NCFCA

TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the NCFCA. News items should be sent to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org or by calling (800) 231-7723 ext. 3.

The NCFCA is the state's oldest forest conservation organization, consisting of 4,000 members with ties to forestry and the forest products industry. A private, non-profit organization, the NCFCA promotes healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners, the forest products industry, and related groups that responsibly manage and/or use forests. ■

POLITICAL NEWS & REGULATORY ISSUES

2015 LEGISLATIVE YEAR IN REVIEW

With the dust settled on the 2015 North Carolina General Assembly's legislative session, that lasted a grueling nine months, the NCFCA's Executive Vice President Pryor Gibson is pleased to report that forestry interests had a successful session.

"All totaled, we tracked roughly 55 bills over the legislative session," stated Gibson. "Of course, some bills move faster than others. Of those 55 bills, 27 of them became law and the NCFCA provided input at various stages. From a forestry standpoint, 26 of the 27 turned out as best as we hoped."

Gibson noted that the one piece of legislation that he wished had not gone through was the elimination of the one percent deduction for every \$80 spent on rebuilding projects. For many in our industry looking to retool their operations, the existing provision would have been beneficial.

"Sure, we would have appreciated our member companies being able to take advantage of that incentive, especially now that our economy seems to be poised for a rebound," noted Gibson, "but it was something that went away for everyone."

Gibson was quick to add that the group of lawmakers in Raleigh is business friendly and understands the challenges of making a monthly payroll and creating business opportunities that support rural economies.

In terms of achievements, Gibson credited NCFCA members for staying involved in the political process by reaching out to their local elected officials on issues that are important to them. He also credited traditional partners such as the North Carolina Farm Bureau for their support over the legislative session.

"There is nothing more important than personal contact," stated Gibson. "It's a big deal when an individual cares enough about an issue to pick up the phone to call his/her representative. They take these calls seriously. I know I certainly did when I was in their shoes. We just make sure our members stay informed and stay engaged. Last year our people did a fabulous job."

A complete list of bills the NCFCA tracked is listed on the NCFCA's website under the legislative tab in the members section.

In terms of looking ahead, North Carolina has made a change in the dates of its primaries, moving them up to March of 2016. The date change will make North Carolina one of the target states in the upcoming Presidential Election slated for November of 2016. The filing period for state elections will take place in December of 2015.

The NCFCA's Forestry Day in the Legislature will also move up on the calendar. A final date has not been selected at this point. The NCFCA will follow the same format as in previous years of holding Forestry Day on a Tuesday, followed by a Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee Reverse Raffle that evening. The NCFCA's Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday.

If you have any questions on this year's legislative session, please contact Pryor Gibson at (800) 231-7723 ext. 5 or at pgibson@ncforestry.org. ■



Terrific Hosts! (l-r) Chad Shaver and Jimbo Shaver hosted the North Carolina Tree Farm Program for its Annual Meeting. James Jeuck, Les Hunter and David Henderson presented the Shavers with a colorful commemorative saw as a thank you for their efforts.



(center) Craven County Wood Energy Plant Manager Bob Van Ells provided tours during the facility's celebration of National Biomass Day and the 25th Anniversary of Craven Wood Energy. (l-r) Joe Kelly and Daniel Rhyne from Piedmont Natural Gas were joined by NCFCA member Larry Batchelor of 360 Forest Products.

- Contributed an additional \$550,000 to the rest of the North Carolina economy for every \$1,000,000 generated in forest products
- Lead the south in logs and wood products export - something the industry has done so for the past decade
- Pulp and paper sector products are still the number one in total output, value added, and state tax generation
- Furniture sector leads in employment and labor income

In addition, the forest products industry:

- Experienced an increasing trend in real prices for both delivered softwood and hardwood timber since 1992, even with the recent economic downturn
- Produced approximately \$391.5 million in timber revenue for private forest landowners in North Carolina
- Generated over \$807 million in state, local, and federal tax revenues
- Combined with the forest products industry had a total economic contribution to NC's economy of \$24.7 billion in output and supported more than 127,800 jobs with a payroll of \$6.29 billion
- Contributed \$10.7 billion to the state's gross domestic product
- Generated 1,025 jobs throughout the state for every 1000 jobs created in the forest sector

The forest products industry provides the incentive for private non-industrial landowners to continue to manage their forests for wildlife, recreation, aesthetics, and yes, at some point in the forestry cycle, products.

The late Bob Cooper, an American Tree Farm System National Tree Farmer of the Year in 2008 and former chair of the North Carolina Tree Farm Program, once said, "I have visited several states through my involvement with the Tree Farm program, and in some cases, landowners struggle to find markets for their timber. We manage our farm for recreation, wildlife and aesthetics, but in the end, to justify our investment and land use, we hope to harvest timber for a profit. We certainly need a healthy industry to be able to do that."

In the most recent forest inventory data, the non-industrial private forestland owners (NIPF) own 65% of the state's forests. Industry owns just six percent and timber investment management organizations (TIMOS) own another 14%. Public ownership (local, state and federal) is roughly 15% of the state's 18.6 million acres of forest. Despite North Carolina's population growth, 60% of the state is dominated by forests. Hardwood forests also dominate, comprising more than 55% of the state's forests. *Thanks to the North Carolina Forest Service's Brian Haines and Clay Altizer for sharing this economic data!* ■

POINT OF VIEW

N.C. AG, FORESTRY LEADERS PURSUE ADAPTATION PRACTICES TO MEET THREATS POSED BY CHANGING CLIMATE CONDITIONS

Stakeholders are moving forward with the management practices needed to prepare North Carolina's agriculture and forestry sectors for changing climatic conditions that could otherwise pose threats to the state's economy.

"As farmers, ranchers and foresters who make their living off the land, we are already witnessing the effects of changing conditions and recognize that more attention to adaptive management planning is required," said R.C. Hunt and Chip Miller, co-chairs of the North Carolina Agriculture and Forestry Adaptation Work Group (NC-ADAPT), in a joint statement following a summit Tuesday that drew more than 60 leaders from around the state.

The NC-ADAPT summit, which took place Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the McKimmon Center, brought together farmers, livestock producers, forest managers, business and industry leaders, conservationists, government officials and academics to identify and forge a consensus on the unique adaptation challenges that North Carolina's agriculture and forestry sectors will face going forward.

In sessions throughout the day, summit attendees worked to establish a pathway for constructing an adaptive management plan to improve agriculture and forestry resiliency to maintain the economic viability of the sectors for decades to come. Agriculture and forestry provide 17 percent of the state's Gross Domestic Product, and employ 16 percent of North Carolina's workers.

"Given the tremendous economic contributions that the agriculture and forestry industries provide to the state's economy," Hunt and Miller said, "We believe that preparedness

planning is needed, and that the state as a whole would benefit from the development of a comprehensive adaptive management strategy."

The summit follows the recent release of a report, *Keeping North Carolina's Farms and Forests Vibrant and Resilient: An Adaptive Management Planning Strategy*, which is a result of a year-long exploration of the impacts that increasingly extreme weather events and changing climatic conditions are having on the agricultural and forestry sectors of North Carolina. The report outlines NC-ADAPT's findings and recommendations and offers a roadmap for constructing an adaptive management plan to improve agriculture and forestry resiliency.

"We are not alarmists," Hunt and Miller said. "We are pragmatists who appreciate the multiple arenas in which adaptive management must be applied in order to maintain vibrant farming and forestry operations - changing climatic conditions being one of many."

Hunt, a Wilson County pork, cattle, fish and crop producer, and Miller, a Mt. Gilead timberlands manager and past president of the North Carolina Forestry Association, said other challenges exacerbated by extreme weather and changing climatic conditions include regulatory uncertainty, changing market structures, plant and animal diseases, invasive species, transportation infrastructure stability, land fragmentation/ownership profiles, land use change, water quality and quantity, and energy security and costs, among others.

"Since 1950," the co-chairs said, "producers here have more

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PROLOGGER MODULE 16 IS UNDERWAY

The annual training module for 2015-2016 is Module 16. The topics include Logging Costs Analysis, Biodiversity, Truck Safety and PPE. The run time for the DVD is two hours and 19 minutes. The class will be scheduled throughout the state at local facilities and community colleges. If you are hosting a class, please send the details and flyer to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org.

Date	Time	Location
11/19/15	6:00 p.m.	Forsyth County Agricultural Center 1450 Fairchild Road Winston-Salem, NC 27105

LOG A LOAD TOURNAMENT RAISES FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

Congrats to Scott Brewer and the International Paper Riegelwood Pulp and Paper Mill Team for sponsoring the Forrest R. Lewis Memorial Golf Tournament that attracted over 65 golfers to Wallace for an afternoon of golf and a fantastic awards dinner all in the name of a great cause. Thanks to all of the generous sponsors, the tournament raised over \$12,000! ■



Perry Hunt was one of the tournament sponsors.



(center) Scott Brewer presented the winning foursome of Don Williamson, Larry Hiatt, Eric Higgins and Nick Joseph.

FORESTRY MUTUAL HONORS TAYLOR WITH NC LOGGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company (FMIC) honors its top safety performers with E.K. Pittman Safety Awards. E.K. Pittman, the first chair of Forestry Mutual serving from 1971-1984, was a strong proponent of safety and the use of safety personal protective equipment (PPE). The E.K. Pittman Safety Award for Logger of the Year recognizes only those top performing loggers that show a genuine concern for the safety of their crew and go above and beyond the basic safety requirements to ensure a safe and productive environment.



(center) Greg Taylor was honored as Forestry Mutual's Logger of the Year and is flanked by (left) Julie Evans and Linda Taylor.

This year, Forestry Mutual's Logger of the Year was presented to Greg Taylor of Elizabethtown, North Carolina. Taylor, who owns and operates Taylor Timber, LLC, was presented with this year's award at the North Carolina Forestry Association's Annual Meeting held in Myrtle Beach, SC in October.

Taylor is a first-generation professional logger who was born and raised in Bladen County, North Carolina. Taylor gained his ProLogger certificate in 1996, which is a comprehensive logger training program sponsored by the NCFCA that focus on helping professional logger improve their safety, business and environmental practices.

He worked for several companies before starting his own company in 2001. It was a just a two-man crew. Today, Taylor's company employs 10 crew members and four truck drivers. His company operates 10 different pieces of equipment on a daily basis. Taylor has never filed a lost-time claim with Forestry Mutual over the past 14 years. ■

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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS ON THE HORIZON FOR NANTAHALA AND PISGAH FOREST PLANS

As a requirement of the Nantahala and Pisgah forest plan revision process, the U.S. Forest Service is ready to identify and evaluate lands that may be suitable for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System and identify eligibility of rivers for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The Forest Service will be hosting two public information - November 9th at Tartan Hall, 26 Church Street, Franklin, NC 28734 from 6-8 p.m. and November 16th at the Kimmel Arena in the Mountain View Room at the University of North Carolina - Asheville, 1 University Heights, Asheville, NC 28801 from 6-8 p.m.

More information can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/ufnsnc/home/?cid=stelprdb5397660>. ■

REVISITING YOUR LAND LEGACY: A NEW PUBLICATION FROM N.C. STATE EXTENSION NOW AVAILABLE

North Carolina State University Extension Forestry has combined forces with an unusual ally to conserve working lands. In partnership with NC Sentinel Landscapes (sentinellandscapes.wordpress.ncsu.edu), a multi-stakeholder effort with the military, the new guide is part of a larger effort which seeks to unite stakeholders toward a core mission – strengthening rural economies through working land protection. The recently revised landowner handbook is entitled *Conserving Working Lands* and has simplified the planning process for ensuring a legacy of working agriculture and forestry lands for the future.

“It’s a step by step guide to set personal objectives and walk through the process of family meetings, establishing a resource team and exploring the conservation options available to protect lands in the short and longer-term,” said Dr. Susan Moore, project lead, Extension Associate Professor and Director of the Forestry and Environmental Outreach Program.

Landowners are driven to leave a land legacy. While exploring options, each landowner can benefit from land conservation planning in the short and longer-term. It’s the plan and the process that are essential to success. The handbook is designed to begin the journey to create a land conservation plan that works for now and the future.

The *Conserving Working Lands* handbook features a series of steps that can be conducted in a sequence that makes sense for each individual. Some may find it a fairly linear process while others will need to retrace steps as new family insights or conservation opportunities arise. Whether it’s assessing conservation priorities, exploring conservation options, getting the family onboard, forming a conservation team or implementing a plan, all of the most common planning steps are included.

“The *Conserving Working Lands* guide is a great starting place with many successful tools to help landowners in the planning process. Its simple text and action prompts keep you on task and gently urge you to take the first steps that lead to a legacy plan for your property,” says Dr. Mark Megalos co-author and NCSU Extension Associate Professor.

Numerous case studies are presented to help landowners envision a future that works for their unique situation. Worksheets are provided to stimulate the thought process and allow family members to compare their land conservation visions with each other. A complete reference section also lists resources and contacts in NC to further explore options. While focused on NC, the steps in the journey would apply regionally or nationally.

The *Conserving Working Lands: a land legacy handbook* with tools and resources to guide your conservation planning journey is available free on the web: <http://www.ncsu-feop.org/workinglands/ConservingWorkingLandsHandbook.pdf> or in print form by contacting the Drs. Moore or Megalos at Extension Forestry, NCSU Campus Box 8008, Raleigh, NC 27695-8008 or by emailing forestry_outreach@ncsu.edu. ■

Annual Meeting...(from page 1)

Representative Jimmy Dixon and Senator Andrew Brock. Senator Brock was unable to make the lunch due to a family priority, but Representative Dixon did thank the NCFA membership for creating quality jobs in North Carolina upon receiving his award. He also encouraged the membership to be politically involved at the local, state and federal levels.

The meeting officially concluded with a Friday morning breakfast meeting with the NCFA’s Board of Directors. The board reviewed and heard program reports, building update, and comprehensive report on the association’s budget. Revenues and expenses are as expected and the association is poised to complete the 2015 fiscal year on on budget.

Voting for the NCFA’s next slate of officers for the Board of Directors will take place in December. Each year, nine individuals representing the three areas of the state are elected to three-year terms. A board member can serve two consecutive terms. If you would like to be on the NCFA’s board or recommend someone, please contact Pryor Gibson at pgibson@ncforestry.org or (800) 231-7723 ext. 5. ■

THANKS TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING EXHIBITORS



(l-r) Larry Blackmon and Louie Bodenhamer.

AMERICAN FOREST MANAGEMENT - CHRIS MILLER
ARBORGEN SUPER SEEDLINGS - JASON WATSON & GARY NELSON
BODENHAMER FARMS & NURSERY - LOUIE BODENHAMER
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NORTH CAROLINA TREE FARM - BRYAN HULKA
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MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANIES - LARRY BLACKMON & BRANDON REAVIS



(l-r) Jason Watson and Gary Nelson.

LANDOWNERS

GREAT DAY FOR NC TREE FARMERS AT SHAVER WOOD PRODUCTS

Over 75 North Carolina Tree Farmers were treated to an outstanding tour of Richard “Jimbo” Shaver Family’s Tree Farm and his mill, Shaver Wood Products, in Cleveland, North Carolina in October.

Tree Farmers heard about forest management goals of the Tree Farm through an in-woods tour. The other stops on the tour were within the confines of Shaver Wood Products. Shaver had shutdown the mill, but each segment within the mill was staged as if it was up and running. DVDs of the mill in full operation were shown and hosted by Jimbo and his staff. Other stops included a display of raw materials and the resulting products the mill produces.



(l-r) Senator Andrew Brock received the Friends of Forestry PAC’s Friend of Forestry Award from Tree Farmer Charles Jones.

Prior to the tour, the Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee’s Chair, Charles Jones, who also happens to be a certified North Carolina Tree Farmer, presented Senator Andrew Brock with a Friend of Forestry Award. Senator Brock’s district is home to Shaver Wood Products so it was a local visit for the Senator. The FFPAC appreciates Senator Brock’s continued support of forestry, the forest products

industry, and rural economies in general.

Former U.S. Congressman Charles Taylor and his wife, Elizabeth, were honored as the 2015 Tree Farmers of the Year. Taylor’s Tree Farm is in Western North Carolina and features some of the state’s most breathtaking views. Congressman Taylor was always a huge supporter of forestry, the forest products industry, and the U.S. Forest Service during his time in office.



Former U.S. Congressman Charles Taylor (center) was named the North Carolina Tree Farm Program’s Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year for 2015. Congressman Taylor was joined by (l-r) Jim Sitts, Congresswoman Taylor’s wife, Elizabeth, son Owen, and grandson, Oliver.

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program also recognized Bill Berry for his outstanding contributions to the North Carolina Tree Farm Program over the past decade with the first-ever M. Robert Cooper Award. Dr. Bob Cooper and his wife, Jean, are two of the founding volunteers behind the rebirth of the Tree Farm program in North Carolina. Cooper served as chair for several of those early years starting back in 2001. He and Jean were named North Carolina Tree Farmers of the Year in 2007 and National Tree Farmers of the Year in 2008. Dr. Cooper passed away in 2014.

In terms of leadership, Chair David Henderson passed the custom-made wooden gavel to incoming Chair Maurice Hull. The North Carolina Tree Farm Program continues to grow, now eclipsing over 1,000 certified Tree Farmers across the state. ■



(l-r) Sandy and Bill Berry accepted the M. Robert Cooper Award from Dave Woodmansee at the Tree Farm Annual Meeting.

AG and Forestry Leaders Pursue..(from page 3)

than doubled their productivity, benefiting from breakthroughs in technology, genetics, mechanization and automation, conservation systems and alternative production practices.

“Looking ahead,” they continue, “our sectors will be called upon to do even more by providing food, feed, fiber, forest products, energy and ecosystem services to help sustain a world population that is expected to grow from 7.2 billion today to 9.6 billion by 2050. This epic challenge will be further complicated by increasingly erratic weather and climatic variability that scientists predict will occur with greater frequency as we move towards mid-century.”

Hunt and Miller acknowledge the “complexities surrounding conversations about climate change,” but “the agricultural and forestry leaders that we know understand the magnitude of the challenges that these changing conditions are creating. We are confident that they will rise to the occasion to meet these challenges with sound scientific approaches.”

The NC-ADAPT Work Group is an initiative sponsored by Solutions from the Land, a 501 (c) (3) organization focused on land based solutions to global challenges. For additional information, contact Ernie Shea, president of Solutions from the Land, at 410-252-7079, or by e-mail at EShea@SfLLDialogue.net. ■



NEW MEMBERS

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APHIS SEEKS COOPERATION FROM THE FP INDUSTRY

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a destructive pest of ash, including all ash found in North Carolina. To date, it has been detected in 25 states, affecting 19% of the native range of ash. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), works with state cooperators to detect, control, and prevent the human assisted movement of EAB.

In September 2015, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Plant Industry Division, declared a statewide quarantine for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The federal order is pending.

In order to mitigate the movement of the emerald ash borer beetle (EAB), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is regulating the movement of all ash material, including trees, logs, limbs, branches, chips & mulch, green lumber, wood packaging material and all hardwood firewood outside of the EAB quarantine area to a non-quarantined area for processing or export.

To ensure compliance, APHIS personnel will be working with shippers of these materials to establish compliance agreements outlining requirements to comply with federal regulations. APHIS will also work with firewood producers to certify kilns and issue certification allowing the firewood to move to areas that are not under the EAB quarantine.

APHIS has notified exporters of the changes in shipping ash lumber and logs from North Carolina. However, there are numerous interstate shippers and firewood producers that need to learn more about this injurious pest and how they can mitigate its destruction of ash in urban landscapes and forests. If you have questions, please contact the following individuals based on your location.

Contact(s):

Charlotte:	Alyson Bendzinski; William Torres
704-424-1014	
Raleigh:	Patrick DuBois; Steve Tolar
919-855-7600	
Goldsboro:	Blaney Parker
919-583-0033	
Wilmington:	Sheena Goundie; Tim Stevens
919-815-4678	



AVOID POOR DRIVING HABITS

By J.J. Lemire, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company

Have you noticed that whenever you turn on the news, there is a deadly vehicle wreck being reported? In this year, 2015, Forestry Mutual's policyholders have experienced severe injuries and fatalities resulting from some of the wrecks that were reported on the evening news broadcasts.

As you drive, you have probably experienced one of the negative impacts of a bad accident - sitting for hours on an interstate waiting for the area to be cleaned up and the wreckage removed.

There are other impacts such as: business interruptions, including late deliveries, hour of service violations due to traffic congestion, grief for the families and their loss, and overworked trauma centers, emergency rooms, law enforcement and emergency response personnel.

Several leading automobile insurance companies have done statistical analysis of these crashes and found not one but many areas that are underlying causes. These crashes set in motion a chain of events that impact so many individuals, families, and businesses. It is not only the victims and their families that are affected by the crash, but they take a toll on mental health of company employees, and the first responders/law enforcement personnel as well. How troubling to have to call and inform a parent that their child was killed or is struggling to hold onto their life in an emergency room.



Some of these same studies from the insurance industry have yielded a list of causes for most severe and deadly crashes. Here are some of the leading causes/poor driving habits:

- Failure to stay in your lane or improper lane changes
- Failure to yield the right of way - especially on ramps
- Overcorrecting in a bad situation
- Not adjusting speed to meet the road surface conditions (wet, ice, etc.)
- Improper turns - no signaling or deliberate crossing into other lanes
- Driving your vehicle on the wrong side of the road
- Not adjusting speed for construction/obstructions (items falling off trucks/animals/mattresses/work zones)
- Not having a safe vehicle or all required equipment
- Distractions - cell phone use/eating/drinking/reading

The serious threat of a vehicle crash confronts drivers daily. Studies show cell phone distraction is the leading cause of distraction crashes.

I know folks are tired of hearing about it but mobile phones cause distractions and remove the precious seconds needed to react to an immediate threat. Many corporations have established a "best safety practice" by implementing policies that prohibit employee cell phone use while driving. Does your company have a policy?

Company owners, supervisors and managers must make sure you have done everything possible to prevent an accident. Brief your employees constantly on the many poor driving habits that can cause accidents. Establish policies for company vehicles. Make sure your employees know that you require a post-accident drug and alcohol test. DO your part to make so that every employee can go home each day. ■

TREE LINE

NOVEMBER 2015



NCFCA member Tonia Burger and Representative Jimmy Dixon were honored during the Thursday business lunch of the NCFCA's 2015 Annual Meeting.

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MEETINGS

Board of Directors
February 4, Raleigh, NC - NC Farm Bureau

Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee
February 3, Raleigh, NC - NC Farm Bureau

NC SFI State Implementation Committee
November 12, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at NCFCA office, Raleigh, NC

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