



Division Crews Clear Forsyth County Roadway (February 2016)

### Triad Transportation Crews Prepare for Winter Weather

Crews across Division 9, which encompasses Stokes, Forsyth, Davidson, Davie and Rowan counties, are preparing their arsenal in the pending war against wintry weather.

"We are at about 90 percent capacity with salt/brine and we are ready to apply treatments on our interstates, bridges and overpasses whenever the call comes," said Division Nine Maintenance Engineer John P. Rhyne to a group of television reporters last month.



Rhyne addresses reporters at Maintenance Camp on Craft Drive in Winston-Salem

Preparing for any weather emergency is part of NCDOT's primary function. All 14 divisions around the state have begun checking equipment and salt and brine supplies ahead of the winter weather season.

The transportation department has more than 1700 dump trucks fitted with sand and salt spreaders, 495 front end loaders and backhoes, and 332 motor graders, and more than 3200 specially trained employees available to assist with the hazards associated with winter weather.

When a storm does threaten our communities, NCDOT proactively treats

### Stay Connected



### N.C. Transportation Now -- This Week: Employees Recognized for Heroism

Click here to watch [NC Transportation Now](#).

### We Need Your Input!

Transportation officials have opened the department's second annual customer survey.

All citizen feedback will be collected [online here](#).

The N.C. General Assembly requires the survey to gauge how the transportation department is providing great customer service.

Participation can help NCDOT identify ways to make North Carolina transportation services safer, more efficient and customer focused.

bridges and overpasses in advance with salt brine, because elevated structures freeze first during periods of cold and inclement weather. Non-elevated roads have some insulation from the ground, which delays freezing.

Once snow hits, the Department clears the roads using a priority system that calls interstates and four-lane divided primary routes (N.C. and U.S. routes) to be cleared first, followed by lower-volume primary roads, high-volume secondary roads, lower-volume secondary roads and then subdivision streets.

We encourage motorists to prepare for the season by logging on to our website now to find out about [severe weather](#) and [safety tips](#). For real-time travel information, visit the [Traveler Services section](#) of NCDOT.gov or follow NCDOT on [Twitter](#).



### Looking Forward, Giving Back

If you've donated to the SECC this year, **THANK YOU!** You're making a powerful difference for the charities and the causes you supported.

If you haven't had a chance to make a pledge, you still have time to use your Power of Giving to make a difference for a cause you care about.

**The SECC is being extended through the middle of December.**

Just contact the SECC Office at 919-821-2886 or [seccsupport@ncsecc.org](mailto:seccsupport@ncsecc.org).

Looking forward to 2017 SECC Division Nine will be spreading the campaign throughout the year. This will give employees a better opportunity to give, and also departments opportunities to have more than one event.

We want to complete our Division Nine's Second Edition Cook Book and we need your recipes. Please email or call Robyn C. Warner at [rcwarner@ncdot.gov](mailto:rcwarner@ncdot.gov) or 336-747-7900.



### In the Spirit of Giving

Instead of Secret Santa or a Gag Gift exchange, many offices around the division are option to give to those in need this Christmas season. Rowan County Maintenance is a shining example of people coming together in the spirit of giving. Office Assistant Helen Medlin asked crews to bring in one non-perishable food item last month. Within a matter of weeks crew

minutes to complete

The online survey will close December 31.

The results will be available to the public on NCDOT.gov in 2017.

### Save Money on Holiday Travel with the NC Quick Pass Transponder Sale



To help you save time and money on your road trips this holiday season - while also being great stocking stuffers - NC Quick Pass is dropping the price of its E-ZPass compatible transponders.

[Click here](#) to view the promotion which runs through the end of January.

### State Accelerates Delivery of Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, I-40 Improvement Project



Secretary Nick Tennyson and Division Engineer Pat Ivey Take Reporter Questions Last Month

Transportation officials will accelerate several portions of the [Winston-Salem Northern Beltway](#) by up to four years and complete I-40 improvements seven months ahead of schedule through the use of design-build contracts.

members from around the Rowan County Maintenance camp dropped off about 450 packages of food that was in turn donated to the Main Street Mission in China Grove as well as to Rowan Helping Ministries.

Their generous act of kindness will go a long way for those who need it this year.

We encourage you to click on the images below to reach out to these organizations online, or make a donations to any agency in your community that is spreading Christmas cheer this season.



Design-build combines design, property acquisition and construction into one contract.

The eastern section of the Winston Salem Northern Beltway (Future I-74) is a 17.1-mile multi-lane freeway that will loop around the eastern part of Winston-Salem, beginning at U.S. 52 north of Winston-Salem and ending at I-74/U.S. 311 southeast of the city. With the accelerated schedule, the eastern section of the loop is expected to be completed by 2024.

The western section of the beltway will begin at U.S. 158 in southeast Winston-Salem and end at U.S. 52 north of the city. The section of the western loop from U.S. 52 to N.C. 67 will be funded through the new transportation funding formula in the draft 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program.

The I-40 project will widen and improve I-40 from Davie County into Forsyth County and includes replacing bridges over the Yadkin River.



### 30 Years of Service

The State of North Carolina is committed to recognizing and rewarding our loyal employees. Last month, Division Engineer Pat Ivey was recognized by division staff and NCDOT Chief Engineer Mike Hdder, for 30 years of service.

Ivey graduated from NC State University in 1986 with a BS degree in Civil Engineering and is a

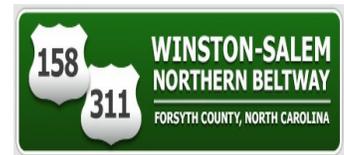
Pictured above Chief Engineer Holder (left) recognizes Division Engineer Ivey (right) at November Staff Meeting

Registered Professional Engineer.

Ivey began his career with NCDOT in May of 1986 serving as Assistant District Engineer in Graham. Also served as District Engineer in Reidsville and Division Operations Engineer in Greensboro. He became the Division Engineer for Division 9, Winston-Salem in May of 2000.

Ivey is responsible for the administration of all maintenance and construction programs in Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Rowan and Stokes Counties and is involved with the planning, design and administration of all high-profile projects.

"I'm proud of my work here at NCDOT, but i'm even more proud of my team which includes all of my staff across Division Nine, and moreover my home team; my wife Linda and children Stephen and Meredith," said Division Nine Engineer.



**This Could be You, But You Must Sign-up to be a NCDOT Volunteer!**

"It's an honor to be able to talk to students around our state about the awesome work we



do here at NCDOT," said JoAna McCoy as she worked the NCDOT booth last month on the campus of [Bennett College](#) at their annual Career and Internship Fair.

The NCDOT Volunteers program provides an opportunity for NCDOT staff members to volunteer with K-12 schools, universities/community colleges, and other education organizations throughout the state.

These opportunities will allow staff to promote various career pathways within the transportation industry and encourage the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education.

As a NCDOT Volunteer, you will have many opportunities to share your knowledge and expertise in your respective fields. Your service as a volunteer will involve students from diverse backgrounds in discussions about the transportation industry and its relation to science, technology, engineering and math.

NCDOT Volunteers will also have the opportunity to promote the importance of women and minorities in engineering, model innovative transportation related activities in the classroom, and serve as guest speakers during school career events.

NCDOT Volunteers will represent the Department of Transportation and provide students with an inside look into possible career choices, encouraging them to begin thinking about options for their future. Schools, colleges, universities and other education advocacy groups submit requests to the Office of Education Initiatives for volunteers from NCDOT. Each staff member will be contacted as volunteer opportunities matching their interest arise.

Contact me today: JoAna



### Wildfires Scorch Miles of Mountains

More than 20 separate wildfire complexes scorched in excess of 70,000 acres and forced neighborhood evacuations from Swain County to McDowell County last Month. Pockets of North Carolina as far east as the Triad area were left with hazardous air quality for weeks.

Despite the devastation, only four major highways needed to be closed. Transportation officials worked with various agencies to organize the closures and set up marked detours.

NCFS - Firefighters walk along a closed NC highway

In all, less than 35 miles of roads were closed to help crews battle the wildfires, which consumed more than 110 square miles of land in Western North Carolina. Governor McCrory declared a state of emergency and a burn ban on Nov. 11 and transportation officials reminded motorists of the ban through digital messaging on message mounts in the mountains.

### Thanksgiving Click It or Ticket Totals



State and local law enforcement officers issued 1,961 seat belt and 340 child passenger violations during the Governor's Highway Safety Program's (GHSP) Thanksgiving *Click It or Ticket* enforcement campaign on Nov. 20-26.

Over the holiday enforcement period, state and local law enforcement agencies held 2,786 checkpoints and stepped-up patrols, issuing 3,209 traffic and criminal violations. The top five counties for occupant restraint violations were:

- \* Wake County: 210
- \* Guilford County: 100
- \* Robeson County: 100

- \* Forsyth County: 99
- \* Lenoir County: 96
- \* Cabarrus County: 90

McCoy at 919-508-1875 or via email at [jmccoy5@ncdot.gov](mailto:jmccoy5@ncdot.gov) to volunteer in 2017!

For county by [county totals](#) and more information regarding the [Click It or Ticket](#) program, contact Jonathan Bandy at 919-618-1974, or visit the [GHSP website](#).

## Press Releases: Triad

[Bridge Work to Close Section of I-85 Business at N.C. 8 in Davidson County](#)

[State Accelerates Delivery of Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, I-40 Improvement Project: Design-build contracts will accelerate construction timeline by up to four years](#)

[Division Nine Media Availability for Information on NCDOT Winter Weather Preparations](#)

[This Week at NCDOT: Change in Time Means Change in Driving Conditions](#)

[All Lanes of U.S. 52 Closing For Gateway Arch Installation and Bridge Work](#)

[Public Meeting for Widening of Old Hollow Road Between Harley Drive and Reidsville Road in Forsyth County](#)

[It's Time to Board the Santa Train!](#)

[State Accepting Applications for 2017 Bicycle Helmet Initiative](#)

[NC By Train Launches Transit App Pilot Program](#)

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