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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Peace. Last week, Rep. Graig Meyer and I discussed HB312, the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, with host Tim Boyum on Spectrum's 'Capital Tonight' newscast.

Hate crimes are increasing at an alarming rate nationally and in North Carolina. Our State Legislators have to "Do Something" and do it fast. This very important bill I sponsored **needs to get the attention of legislative leaders** so it can get out of Judiciary committee and be discussed on the House floor. Many minority members have been discussing the importance of this bill with their constituents and with other media outlets, which is a good thing. But unless the bill moves from **Committee to Chamber**, nothing is going to happen.





The **Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County** held their “**Paint the Town Blue**” annual fundraiser gala at Temple Israel. There was a great turnout and Ann Wood was the year’s honoree.

Ann is one of the founding members of the Democratic Women's organization and her many years of service to the Democratic Party in Charlotte is unparalleled. She is a beautiful person and so deserving of this award. **Congratulations and thanks Ann for your outstanding service!**





2019 Honoree - Ms. Ann Wood



With Judge Lucy Inman

Governor Cooper Signs Gun Safety Executive Directive

Governor Roy Cooper signed a new [gun safety Executive Directive](#) that requires state agencies to take increased action on closing crime reporting gaps between state and federal agencies, and expands firearm safety education. The directive includes the following:



Strengthening Background Check System and Protections from Domestic Terrorism (SBI Directives)

- The SBI is directed to continue the work begun by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Working Group to close information gaps where the state should be sharing information with NICS. The working group identified 284,289 individual instances of criminal convictions that went unreported in the NICS database. Identifying and rectifying these gaps strengthens the safety net provided by firearm background checks.
- The SBI will also provide Behavioral Threat Assessment training to local law enforcement agencies to help local law enforcement connect these individuals identified as a potential risk to harming others with supportive community services.
- The SBI will increase the North Carolina Information Sharing and Analysis Center's outreach to businesses and community groups in order to build community awareness of domestic terrorism indicators.

Improving Public Health and Incident Response (DHHS Directives)

- The directive orders the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to promote safe storage of personal firearms.

- DHHS and the Division of Emergency Management will develop guidance for local governments to help share information and reunite loved ones in the wake of a mass shooting or other major incident.
- DHHS will also convene a coalition of suicide prevention stakeholders to update the state's Suicide Prevention Plan.

Back to School Safety Starts with You

As kids head back to school, both vehicle and pedestrian traffic will increase.

Adults and teen drivers, do you know when to stop for school buses or what the rules are for school zones? Have you talked with your children about how to safely cross the street?



STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

- Cross in crosswalks.
- Watch for and obey crossing guards.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Be careful crossing multiple lanes of traffic.
- Make sure each lane of traffic is clear before you cross.
- Pay attention. When walking, avoid distractions like cellphones.
- Obey signs and signals.
- Cross the street where you have the best view of traffic.
- Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from the road as you can.

ADULT AND TEEN DRIVERS:

- Know when to stop for school buses.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Obey all posted school zone speed limits.
- Never pass a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians.
- Before turning, be sure the path is clear.
- Slow down near bus stops, schools and playgrounds.
- No drinking and driving.
- Buckle up.
- Avoid distractions such as food, passengers and using mobile devices.
- Texting while driving is illegal.

Additional Safety Tips for Teen Drivers:

- Don't speed.
- Avoid distractions.
- Cellphone use is illegal for drivers under 18.
- For provisional license holders, no more than one passenger at a time.



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