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### This is National 911 Telecommunicator Week

Each year, the second full week in April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as Public Safety Telecommunicators. National Telecommunicator Week brings celebration and honor to the otherwise unsung hero on the other end of the line. The 911 dispatcher is the true first, first responder!

Anson County kicked off the week with an appreciation cookout for the Telecommunicators and their families. They enjoyed a meal of grilled chicken which was provided and prepared by Med Northcutt along with homemade sides and desserts. The employees enjoyed a time of good food and fellowship with their co-workers and families.

Anson County 911 Telecommunicators work 12 hour shifts, two Telecommunicators per shift. They dispatch all emergency calls for the Sheriff's Office, 4 municipal police departments, EMS, Rescue, 8 volunteer fire departments, and NC Forestry.

Anson County telecommunicators include Holly Thomas (Director), Tammy McCall (Asst. Director), Elizabeth Brown, Ashley Ratliff, Monique Johnson, Mary Crawford, Jennifer Stovall, Sonia Gabriel, Kristi Rogers, Ashlie Jones, Ginger Phillips, Tammy Gathings, JaPrichia Smith, LaShonda Spencer, Victoria Leak-Williams and Jessica Terry.

Thank you to all of the dispatchers who work long shifts and serve to provide a lifeline to those in need! If you see a Telecommunicator this week please be sure to tell them thank you for the job they do in serving our community.

### Fined for Not Having Health Insurance? Time is Running Out to Get Covered Through the Affordable Care Act

**Health care navigators can help consumers sign up for insurance coverage if they are subject to a fine or experienced a qualifying life event**

The February 15 deadline to sign up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act has passed, but Legal Aid of North Carolina's health care navigators can still help many uninsured or underinsured North Carolinians get quality, affordable health coverage during special enrollment periods.

North Carolinians subject to a fine on their 2014 taxes for not having health insurance might still be eligible to enroll in an affordable plan during a special enrollment period that runs through April 30. To be eligible, consumers must confirm that they are subject to the fine and were previously unaware of it.

Legal Aid of North Carolina's health care navigators are available for one-on-one meetings with consumers across the state to help them avoid the fine by enrolling in an affordable health insurance plan. "We want all North Carolinians subject to the fine to know that we have navigators in their area who can help them," said Jennifer Simmons, director of Legal Aid's navigator project. "They can still get quality, affordable health coverage now. We are encouraging them to check out their options before the April 30 deadline. Time is running out!"

North Carolinians may also qualify for a special enrollment period if they experienced a qualifying life event, such as losing coverage, getting married, having a baby, moving to a different coverage area and becoming a citizen, among others.

Consumers who enroll in health coverage during a special enrollment period are eligible to receive financial assistance to lower their premiums. Last enrollment period, 92 percent of North Carolinians who renewed plans or signed up through the Marketplace received financial assistance to help make their plans truly affordable.

North Carolinians who think they might be eligible to enroll during a special enrollment period can schedule appointments with health care navigators by calling toll-free 1-855-733-3711 or visiting the Get Covered Connector, at [www.connector.getcoveredamerica.org](http://www.connector.getcoveredamerica.org). To find out if they have experienced a qualifying life event, they can visit the HHS screener ([www.healthcare.gov/screener](http://www.healthcare.gov/screener)) and answer a few questions.

Legal Aid of North Carolina is a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people in order to ensure equal access to justice and remove legal barriers to economic opportunity. To learn more, visit [www.legalaidnc.org](http://www.legalaidnc.org) or Facebook and Twitter.

### AARP Smart Driver Course Offered

The AARP Smart Driver Course teaches valuable defensive driving skills and provides a refresher of the rules of the road. Since 1979 the course has helped over 14 million drivers learn proven safety strategies and tips for how to adapt one's driving to compensate for physical and cognitive changes that may come with aging. Plus, you may qualify for an automobile insurance discount by completing the course (*participants should check with their auto insurance agent for details*).

Take the AARP Smart Driver course at Grace Senior Center on Tuesday, May 12, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. This classroom course costs \$15 for AARP Members and \$20 for non-members. Space is limited, so register now by calling Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616.



## Summer/Fall 2015 Registration

Come to campus to enroll in classes.

**Tuesday, April 14 - Thursday, April 16**

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Friday, April 17

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Saturday, April 18

**8 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**Old Charlotte Highway Campus**  
 Building B - Room 188  
 4209 Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe

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