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### NC S.A.F.E Campaign Promotes Safe Firearm Storage

In response to a skyrocketing number of deaths of children and youths caused by firearm injury and a surge in firearm thefts, the N.C. Department of Public Safety launched a statewide initiative to raise awareness of the importance of safe firearm storage. The NC S.A.F.E., or Secure All Firearms Effectively, public awareness campaign offers North Carolinians information about effectively and safely securing their guns.

Proper firearm storage can make a difference in homes and communities. An estimated 380,000 guns are stolen every year, and vehicles are hot spots for gun theft.

Simple steps can save lives. Visit ncsafe.org to get information on safe storage options, a safety checklist, guidance for parents and more details on how to spread the word in your community.

## GCC at National Criminal Justice Symposium and Forum

Governor's Crime Commission is the state administering agent responsible for comprehensive criminal justice planning and policy development. In July the National Criminal Justice Association, Justice Research and Statistics Association; and the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics came together for a symposium and forum on criminal justice.



GCC Executive Director Caroline Farmer with SAA Executive Directors from Washington and Montana.

#### New GCC Commissioner - Sheriff Rowe

Sheriff Willie L. Rowe is the 55th Sheriff of Wake County, Army veteran, serves in community, civic and political organizations. He has completed training in leadership, narcotics investigation, management, supervision and law enforcement operations. As sheriff, he provides effective and

efficient public safety that ensures everyone receives equal protection, equal opportunity and equal access to a greater overall quality of life. He builds trusted relationships, working with all stakeholders to create opportunities for safter communities.



Rowe has been married for 38 years, and his first joy is being a husband, father, grandfather and deacon at First Baptist Church in Raleigh. Sheriff Rowe is committed to making his Wake County home the safest place to live, work, play, visit and learn.

## 2023 Grants Management Workshops

GCC will have no grants management workshops in September due to the transition to a new grants management system.

The future workshop date is to be determined. Stay on the lookout for more information coming soon regarding the workshops.

EBS training will be provided at the workshops.

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