



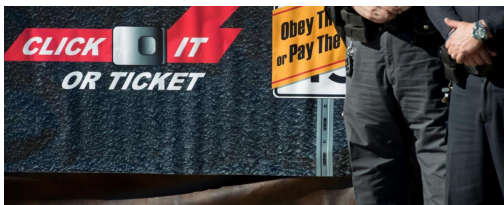
## NORTH CAROLINA Department of Transportation

### Division 3

*COUNTIES SERVED / Brunswick, Duplin, Onslow, Pender, Sampson, New Hanover*

## May 2025 Edition

### Memorial Day Click It or Ticket



Whether you're driving or riding, always wear your seatbelt. It's proven to save lives.

The Governor's Highway Safety Program is running its statewide Memorial Day Click It or Ticket campaign from May 18 through June 1.

Law enforcement will increase patrols across all 100 counties to ensure everyone is properly buckled up.

Stay safe! Memorial Day is approaching, and the GHSP and its partners will be watching out for you.

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### Litter Sweep Wrap Up

The department's Spring Litter Sweep just concluded, with 434,235 pounds of litter collected from North Carolina's roadsides.

With over 80,000 miles of state-maintained roads, we need everyone's help to keep our highways clean.

Visit our Litter Sweep [webpage](#) to learn about how you can get involved moving forward!





## Youth, Motorcycle & Bicycle Safety Campaigns

May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and National Bicycle Safety Month.

In North Carolina, motorcycles make up just 2% of registered vehicles but account for nearly 10% of road fatalities. Proper training, wearing helmets, and following traffic laws greatly reduce the risk of crashes.

Drivers should stay alert, watch for motorcycles and bicycles, and always share the road.

NCDOT offers a variety of [safety resources](#) to help protect all users of the state-maintained road system.

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## News Near You

### Modern Bridge Opens in Brunswick County

**CALABASH** – A taller, longer bridge spanning the Calabash River opened April 24 ahead of schedule, restoring an important coastal corridor and providing a safer evacuation route.

The new bridge on Beach Drive SW (N.C. 179 Business) replaced one built in 1975 that the N.C. Department of Transportation had to close temporarily for several past storms, including Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and Hurricane Ian in 2022. Some of the storms required emergency repairs and additional maintenance.

“This is a critical route for our beach communities, which have endured a detour while the bridge was being reconstructed to modern standards,” said Trevor Carroll, the Department’s Division 3 engineer based in Castle Hayne.

### Wrightsville Beach Bridge Replacements

**WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH** – Planning and development are underway by the N.C. Department of Transportation to replace three bridges that connect Wrightsville Beach. While all three bridges remain safe, they are nearing the end of their life cycle and must be monitored, inspected and maintained on a more frequent basis.

The two bridges along West Salisbury Street (U.S. 74) that cross Lees Cut and Banks Channel and the South Banks Channel Bridge on Causeway Drive (U.S. 76) will be replaced with new structures.

People can learn more, or submit questions, about this three-bridge project at this [NCDOT webpage](#).

### Surf City Has New License Plate Agency

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles opened a new license plate agency (LPA) on May 5 in Surf City.

The new agency is located at 2634 N.C. Hwy. 210 E., Suite 205, at the Shoppes at

the Promenade and will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, except on state holidays. The office will be operated by Jessica and Bobby Straughn, who also operate the LPAs in Wallace and at South Square Plaza on Carolina Beach Rd. in Wilmington.



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