



BOARD BULLETIN

January 4, 2008

ACTS – Catalytic Converter Theft

On Thursday, December 27, Anson County Transportation System (ACTS) staff reported six (6) vans had been vandalized during the Christmas holiday.

The catalytic converters from each van were stolen. The theft of catalytic converters is a growing problem across the United States. The converters contain platinum and other precious metals that can be sold on the black market to scrap metal dealers ranging from \$50 to \$150 dollars.

Based on police reports, ACTS was one of several businesses between Wadesboro and Marshville that were targeted. The incident has been reported to our insurance provider, and the vehicles have been taken to a local repair shop.

Further, staff are assessing low cost options to deter and prevent additional catalytic converter thefts. These options include the installation of additional security lights and a welding technique that hinders efforts to unbolt and remove the catalytic converters.

Veteran Services – Benefits Summary

The County recently received an annual Veteran Services benefit analysis report. The report suggests the number of veterans in Anson County has been slowly decreasing since 2004. In fact, from 2004 to 2006 the number of veterans decreased from 2,042 to 2,005 (-2%).

However, over this same time period the amount of compensation and pension benefits received by veterans in Anson County has steadily increased at an average rate of \$250,000 per year. In 2006, Anson County veterans realized close to \$3.1 million in compensation and pension benefits.

Assisting veterans with gaining access to their compensation and pension entitlement benefits is very much aligned to our social and economic opportunity services and core mission.

Board of Elections Update

Please be advised that Rochelle Williams officially retired early this week as the Director Elections. Ms. Williams had an outstanding record of election integrity, and the County of Anson did not experience a formally contested election during her tenure.

Given the recent resignation of two (2) Elections Board members, there currently is not a quorum to conduct official Board of Elections business. Thus, the process of advertising and filling the now vacant Elections Director position is on hold. Further, the Asst. Director/Registration Coordinator position is also vacant. Thus, part-time assistance has been secured to keep the office open per the NC General Statutes.

It is anticipated the Democratic and Republican parties will make their appointment recommendations to the State Board of Elections in the near future. Once approved by the State Board of Elections, it is anticipated the hiring process for the local Director will begin. However, it is likely part-time staff will occupy the office until early to mid February.

Please keep in mind the importance of filling the Director position as soon as possible. Candidate filing for the November 2008 election begins in late February 2008.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular BOCC Mtg.	Monday, January 7 6:00 PM Courtroom #1
County Holiday	Monday, January 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
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