

◆ NCDTSEA NEWSLETTER ◆

CONFERENCE EDITION

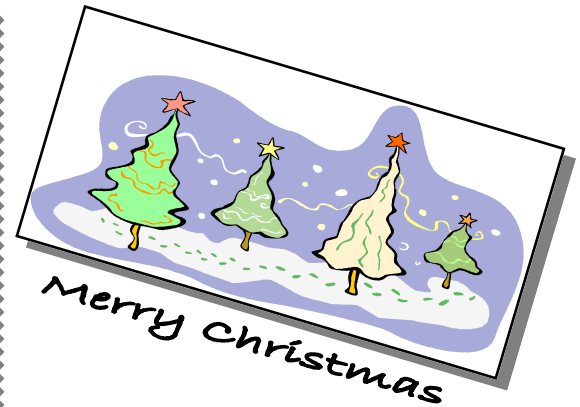
December 2010

Dear Driver Education Professionals and NCDTSEA Members, I send you Holiday Greetings from the NCDTSEA Board of Directors. My hope for you is that you and those special people in your lives will have a happy and healthful Holiday Season.

The time has come again when we must start the registration process for our annual conference in April. Our association needs your support. Please seriously consider what your absence will mean if you were not planning to attend our annual conference in Raleigh in April. Now, more than ever, we need to show solidarity and state clearly by our actions that we are a strong unified voice for Driver Education and Traffic Safety in the state of North Carolina and for this nation. If you were thinking of not attending our April conference, I hope that you will reconsider. Our association needs your support. If you are planning to attend, many thanks and I will see you in Raleigh at the North Raleigh Hilton. You will find that the conference agenda is full of speakers who will address things that apply to you today. Many thanks to Mr. Reggie Flythe for pulling the agenda together.

I would like to remind everyone that right now all Driver Education programs that use public funds in North Carolina are under intense scrutiny. We are now being studied unlike any examination we have ever endured before. I urge each of you to teach your best lessons each day you enter your classroom. Your teaching should have at its foundation the modern day three R's. The three R's many years ago spoke to reading, writing and arithmetic. The modern day three R's guide us toward rigor, relevance and reflection. Rigorous lessons dictate that

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Welcome to Raleigh!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Capital City for the 41st Annual NCDTSEA Conference! Due to the general assembly's 2010 short session legislative directives and the next two year's state budget concerns, we need all of our members to be present for this year's conference, which will feature guest speakers from various driver education stakeholders. We need you in Raleigh, April 7 through April 9, 2011, to hear first-hand the most current information about the future of driver education and obtain your thoughts and concerns from your area.

As you know, the Office of State Budget and Management has completed its study of driver education and made recommendations to the General Assembly for discussions in January. By April 2011, DPI along with the Highway Safety Research Center, are to have a new statewide driver education curriculum complete for legislative review. We have confirmed

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you challenge your students toward higher level thinking. Students will rise to the level of your expectation. You, as their teacher and mentor, must push them to learn. You must not only guide your students in learning Driver Education content, but as young adults, you must now teach them "how to learn". Relevant lessons will make this whole learning to drive concept personal to your students. Make it clear to your students how "driving an automobile" will impact them in their lives now and for many years to come. Finally, Reflecting on what you have accomplished after each day's lesson and again after each completed session will help you grow as a teacher. It will also benefit your next class because you will have already discerned what else you need to do to be an effective teacher in your classroom.

Thank you for what you do each day because what you do is important to all residents of North Carolina. I hope to meet and greet you in Raleigh.

Best Regards,

Connie Sessoms, Jr.

President – NCDTSEA 2010 – 2011

We're on the Web!

Thanks to Karl Logan for developing our outstanding NCDTSEA website. Simply go to www.adtsea.org, click on state affiliates and then North Carolina to access the website. You can keep up with the latest legislative news, announcements about board meetings, conference information, announcements concerning area meetings and read the minutes of the latest Board of Directors meeting. There is a wealth of information on the site and Karl is constantly updating it. This is the best way that we know of to communicate with the membership!

Editor

Not sure when your membership in the association expires, check the mailing label on this newsletter. The expiration date will be located at the end of your name.

2011 ADTSEA Conference

The 2011 ADTSEA National Conference will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 16, through July 20, 2011. The conference will be held at the Alamoana Hotel.

Renewal Credit

The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association will be offering, 1.2 CEU's of renewal credit or 12 clock hours for attendance at ALL sessions for this year's conference. Please sign up for renewal credit at the conference registration desk.

If you attend the "Early Bird" session you will receive an additional .4 units or 4 hours of renewal credit.



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41st Annual NCDSTEA Conference

The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association is pleased to announce the 41st Annual Conference to be held April 7, through April 9, 2011, at the North Raleigh Hilton, Midtown in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The "Early Bird" session with Dr. Joe Shrader will be held on April 7th and 8th. Highlight of the "Early Bird" session will be a barbecue outing on the night of April 7th sponsored by Jordan Driving School in Raleigh. Transportation will be provided to and from Heather Hills in Garner. Entertainment will be provided by Carolina Road. You can return your registration for the "Early Bird" session along with your conference pre-registration and write one check. You don't want to miss this event.

You can reserve your room at the North Raleigh Hilton by going to our website, www.adtsea.com, click on state affiliates and North Carolina and then click on 2011 Conference to be held at North Raleigh Hilton.

You can also make your room reservation by calling the Hilton at 919-872-2323. A block of rooms have been reserved for April 7—9, 2011. The special room rate will be available until **March 6th**, or until the group block is sold-out, whichever come first. The room rates are \$89.00 per night for 1 King Bed or 1 Queen Bed or \$99.00 for 2 Double Beds.

The conference registration fee is the same as last year, \$110 for pre-registration. This includes three meals and breaks. Registration at the door will be \$220.

Reggie Flythe, our First Vice President, has a lineup of outstanding speakers planned for the conference. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, fine food and lots of information to carry back with you from the Capital.

See you in Raleigh!

Phil McGirt
Executive Secretary

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that representatives from DPI will be in attendance to review driver education finance and curriculum issues and a representative from UNC-HSRC is scheduled to speak as well. Please assist us in getting your LEA driver education coordinator to attend the coordinator's luncheon on Friday, April 8, as well.

We have faced many challenges throughout the years and have managed to continue to survive and provide our students quality driver education services. As we move through this latest budget shortfall, we emphasize the words of our President, Connie Sessoms, to "get off the sidelines and get into the game". We need you in BIG numbers to show up in Raleigh, so our legislators and state education leaders can see and hear from the professionals who put their lives on the line daily, teaching our young people to drive!

See you in Raleigh!

Reggie Flythe
NCDTSEA 1st Vice-President

OSBM Study Highlights

Please go to the NCDTSEA website at www.adtsea.org/northcarolina and take a few minutes to look at the recently completed OSBM study on driver education. Information for this report was gathered from LEA surveys, interviews with DPI and DMV staff, as well as discussions with LEA coordinators and driver educators. At the request of legislators, this study on driver education reviewed the General Statutes and Administrative Codes, the missions, goals and objectives of DPI and DMV, coordination and collaboration between agencies, and considered previous reports and studies from state and national organizations related to driver education.

This study has identified and made recommendations on ways to improve the state driver education program. There are some issues that need to be addressed at both the state and local levels, including program management and oversight, funding, curriculum, teacher certification, parent involvement, program data and performance measures to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the driver education program.

The issues and findings of this report have been discussed by NCDTSEA over the past few years. As we wait to see what, if any, legislative action happens in the 2011 General Assembly as a result of this management review, it is important that all driver education stakeholders be proactive in evaluation our programs and addressing any concerns that will help improve the overall quality and delivery of driver education to our students.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

At its December 2010, Board of Directors Meeting the following decisions were made for registration charges and procedures for the 2011 conference to be held at the North Raleigh Hilton on April 7th—9th.

Pre-registration will be \$140.00 total.

Registration at the door will be \$250.00 total.

All conference attendees must be members of the association. When you register for the conference, you must also renew your membership and pay the annual dues. Therefore for conference pre-registration the following charges will be in effect:

Pre-Registration

Retirees	\$110.00 Pre Registration 30.00 Renewal \$140.00 Minimum	Active Members	\$110.00 Pre-Registration 30.00 Renewal \$140.00 Minimum
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Life Members	\$110.00 Pre-Registration \$110.00 Minimum	Non-Members	\$110.00 Conference 30.00 Membership \$140.00 Minimum
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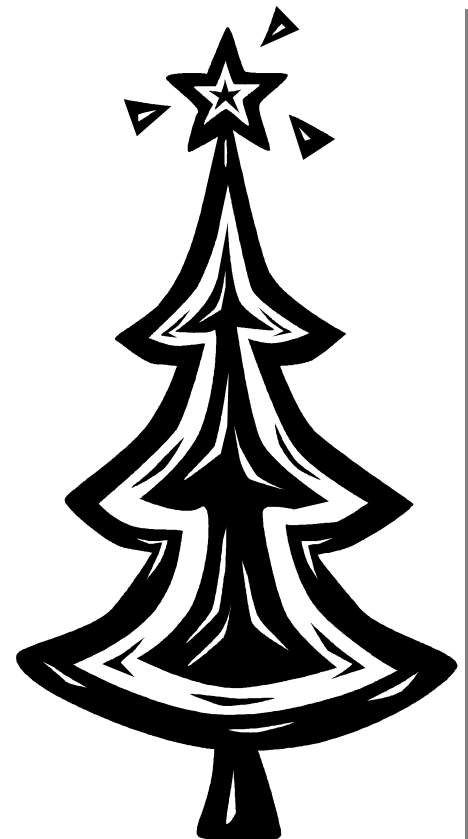
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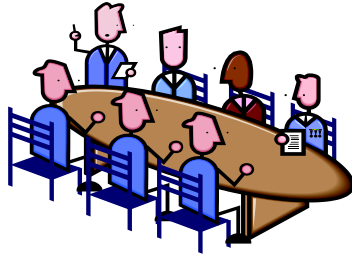
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NCDTSEA Golf Tournament

We will host our 1st annual NCDTSEA golf tournament on Thursday, April 7th at the beautiful Hedingham Golf Club, 4801 Harbour Towne Dr., Raleigh, NC 27604. Please register before March 11th, so we can accurately account for all golfers. Entry fee is \$35.00 per person. Late registration is \$50 per person. Shotgun start begins at 9 a.m. and prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closet to the pin, among others, during the evening barbeque outing. Make checks payable to NCDTSEA. **If you are going to participate in this tournament You Must contact William Powell at wpowell@wcpss.net or (919) 773-3830.**





“Early Bird” Workshop and Barbecue Dinner

In response to your requests, your Board of Directors in conjunction with First Vice-President, Reggie Flythe has arranged once again with Dr. Joe Shrader from East Carolina University to provide an “Early Bird” workshop on Thursday afternoon, April 7th from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. and to continue Friday morning from 8:00 until 10:45 a.m. Dr. Shrader will be covering a variety of useful and practical information including an update in traffic laws and he will share teaching methodologies as well. Those who attend this workshop will earn .4 units or 4 hours of renewal credit in addition to the 1.2 units for the general conference. The highlight of the “Early Bird” session this year will be “Barbecue Dinner” at Heather Hills on Thursday night sponsored by Jordan Driving School in Raleigh with entertainment by Carolina Road. The total cost for the workshop and the “Barbecue Dinner” is \$35.00 per person. If you just want to join us for the “Barbecue Dinner” or to bring your spouse along the cost is \$20.00 each. You don’t want to miss this opportunity, so come to Raleigh a day early, bring your spouse or significant other and join us for an evening of good food, fellowship and entertainment.

Early Bird Session Registration

In order to attend the “Early Bird” Session conducted by Dr. Joe Shrader on April 7, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. including the “*Barbecue Dinner*”, please complete this registration form along with your Conference Registration and return by March 11, 2011!

Name: _____ Home Telephone # _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

“Early Bird” Registration \$35.00 (includes “*Barbecue Dinner*”) \$ _____

Extra “*Barbecue Dinner*” Tickets \$20.00 \$ _____
(Do not have to be present at “Early Bird” Session)

Total Enclosed (Make check payable to NCDTSEA) \$ _____

Return to: Phil McGirt, Executive Secretary NCDTSEA
 115 E. Mountain Drive
 Fayetteville, NC 28306

Please Note:
You can mail one check for the “Early Bird” and Conference Pre-Registration

NCDTSEA Teacher of the Year Criteria

1. Must have been a member of ADTSEA for three years to be considered for the ADTSEA Teacher of Excellence Award. This is not a pre-requisite for being named NC Teacher of the Year.
2. Must be a current member of NCDTSEA and have been active for at least five years.
3. Must be an active driver education teacher and/or behind-the-wheel teacher or currently supervising a driver education program and have been involved in these activities for the past seven years.
4. Must complete the NCDTSEA Teacher of the Year application.
5. Must submit answers to two of the six questions listed below. Questions should be answered in fifty words or less.
 1. How do you see yourself promoting Driver and Traffic Safety Education in your local community and your state?
 2. Describe what you see as the future of Driver and Traffic Safety Education. What are two strengths and two weaknesses of Driver and Traffic Safety Education?
 3. What do you consider the most powerful aspect of your local school program in regard to students and parents?
 4. What made you decide to devote your time and career to the Driver and Traffic Safety Education Program in your local Community?
 5. Every Driver and Traffic Safety Education Program has a percentage of students that are unable to meet the objectives of your local program within the time constraints. How do you deal with students that are unable to complete the objectives at the end of the prescribed time period?
 6. How do you promote the classroom and in-car achievements of your students in the Driver and Traffic Safety program in your community or with the parents?
6. Must submit a 5-8 minute media program or PowerPoint presentation indicating involvement in driver and traffic safety education.

Your application and other required materials **MUST** be received on/or before March 11, 2011.

Please send to: Chuck Lehning
 c/o Jordan Driving School, Inc.
 5425 Idlewild Rd 3-211
 Charlotte NC 28212

Should you have any questions please call:

Chuck Lehning (980) 722-8088 or email jordanschool@bellsouth.net

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Application for the 2011 NCDTSEA Teacher of the Year Award

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Work Email Address: _____

Employer: _____

Supervisor: _____

Number of years ADTSEA membership: _____

Number of years NCDTSEA membership: _____

Number of years of being an active driver education teacher: _____

Signature: I wish to be considered for the 2011 NCDTSEA Teacher Excellence Award, sponsored by NCDTSEA. This completed form and the attached materials are my responses to the criteria.

Signature of Nominee

Date

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A G E N D A

Thursday, April 7, 2011

- 2:30—3:50 NCDTSEA Board Meeting
Board Room
- 3:30—4:00 “Early Bird” Check-in
Pre-function Area
- 4:00—5:30 “Early Bird” Part 1
Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
Dr Joe Shrader, ECU or Steve Phillips, AAA
- 6:30—9:30 BBQ Outing—Heather Hills, Garner
Bus will leave Hilton at 6:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: Jordan Driving School—Raleigh

Friday, April 8, 2011

- Breakfast—On your own
- 8:00—1:00 Conference Registration
Pre-function area
- 8:00—9:15 “Early Bird” Part 2
Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
Dr Joe Shrader, East Carolina University
- 9:15—9:30 Break
- 9:30—10:45 “Early Bird” Part 3
Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
Dr Joe Shrader, East Carolina University
- 11:00—12:30 LEA Coordinator’s Luncheon
Dogwood

Opening General Conference Session

Grand Ballroom 1, 2 & 3

- 1:00—1:05 **Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance**
Sanderson Air Force JROTC Color Guard
- 1:05—1:10 **Welcome to Raleigh**
Person TBA
- 1:10—1:20 **Welcome to Conference**
Connie Sessoms, Jr., NCDTSEA President
- 1:20—1:30 **Exhibitor Introductions/Conference Orientation**
Charles Lee—NCDTSEA 2nd Vice President
- 1:30—2:15 Speaker—TBA
DPI Curriculum Standards
- 2:15—3:00 Speaker—Connie Sessoms, Jr.
Effect of National Standards on DE in NC
- 3:00—3:15 **Break, Exhibits, 50/50 & Door Prizes**
Sponsored by:

- 3:15—4:00 Speaker—Arthur Godwin, UNC HRSC
Distracted Driving Research
- 4:00—4:45 Speaker—Karl Logan
Improving Communication in NCDTSEA
- 4:45—5:45 **Exhibits, 50/50 & Door Prizes**
Free Time

Banquet doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

41st Annual Banquet

Grand Ballroom 4 & 5
6:30—9:00

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table
Connie Sessoms, Jr., NCDTSEA President

Invocation
Rev. Willie Green

Introduction of Speaker:
Reggie Flythe, NCDTSEA 1st Vice President

Speaker
TBA

50/50
Mickey Tripp and Else Wilson

Door Prizes
Zundrea Baldwin and Lucille Lee

Meet & Greet
9:30—10:30
Pre-function Area

Saturday, April 9, 2011

- 7:00—8:15 **Buffet Breakfast**
- General Sessions**
Grand Ballroom 1, 2 & 3
- 8:30—9:00 Speaker—Jan Withers or DMV Representative
Driver Communication Card or DMV Topic
- 9:00—9:45 Speaker—Dwight Green, NCSHP TSI
Safe Driving Program
- 9:45—10:00 **Break, Exhibits, 50/50 & Door Prizes**
- 10:00—10:45 Speaker—Vivian Wells
Think First
- 10:45—11:30 Speaker—Dr. Joe Shrader, ECU
Facts to School Legislators
- 11:30—12:30 Check Out/Free Time
Exhibits, 50/50 & Door prizes

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41st Annual Awards Luncheon
Grand Ballroom 4 & 5
12:30—2:30

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table
Connie Sessoms, Jr, Presiding

Invocation: Person TBA

Lunch

Introduction of Speaker:

Speaker: Person TBA

50/50
Mickey Tripp and Elese Wilson

Door Prizes
Zundrea Baldwin and Lucille Lee

Presentation of Awards:

Business Session
2:30—4:00
Connie Sessoms, Jr., Presiding

Agenda

Area Presidents Reports

Legislative Report: Gene Causby

Reading of Minutes: Gary King

Treasurer's / Membership Report: Phil McGirt

Old Business

New Business

Election of Officers

Remarks from President: Connie Sessoms, Jr.

Passing of Gavel: Connie Sessoms, Jr.

Remarks from Incoming President: Reggie Flythe

Adjournment

Issuing of Certificate for Renewal Credits

***(Must be present and in attendance
at all sessions to receive certificate)***



* From SERA/ADTSEA *
* The 2011 SERA/ADTSEA *
* Conference will be held *
* February 24—26 at the *
* Crown Reef resort Located *
* at 2913 south Ocean Blvd *
* in Myrtle Beach The hotel *
* phone number is 1-843-626 *
* -8077 or toll free 1-877-435 *
* -9125. There will be an *
* early registration recep- *
* tion on February 24. You *
* will receive your reserva- *
* tion information via email *
* if you have an email ad- *
* dress or by snail mail if *
* not. *



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DRIVER EDUCATION COORDINATOR MEETING

You are invited to attend the Driver Education Coordinator meeting planned for April 8, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the North Raleigh Hilton. The address is 3415 Wake Forest Road in Raleigh, which is also the site for the 41st Annual North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (NCDTSEA) Conference. Our professional organization is hosting the meeting and providing lunch at no charge to coordinators. We will need an accurate attendance total to plan for lunch.

The following items are currently on the meeting agenda: budgets, allowable expenses, legislative update, securing teachers, and many others. Representatives from NCDPI will be presenting updated information on driver education curriculum required for 2011-12. This should prove to be a very informative session, so I strongly urge you to attend if possible.

If you are planning to attend, please complete the information at the bottom of this memo and mail it back to me by **March 11, 2011** or fax to me at 910-678-2535. If you have questions or other agenda items, please contact me at 910-678-2526 or philm@ccs.k12.nc.us. Please consider attending the NCDTSEA conference as well. Visit our website at www.adtsea.org/northcarolina for conference details. Even if you cannot attend, would you please help us by updating your information for our database.

Name: _____

School District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number: _____

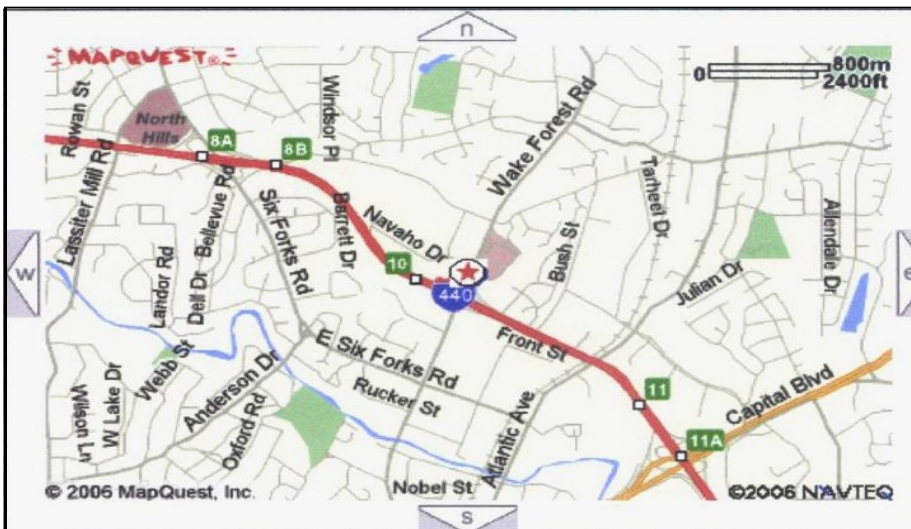
I _____ will _____ will not be able to attend the luncheon on April 8th.

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Early Bird Information
Conference Information



Directions

From RDU Airport, Charlotte and all points West:

- ☉ Take I-40 East towards Raleigh
- ☉ Take Exit #289 (Wade Ave) and follow until Exit 4B for I-440 North/Hwy 64 Rocky Mount
- ☉ Follow I-440 to Exit #10 (Wake Forest Rd).
- ☉ Make left at light off exit, hotel is ¼ mile North on the left

Directions

From Richmond or all points North:

- ☉ Take I-95 South to I-85 South and follow to US 1 South at Henderson, NC.
- ☉ Follow this route 40 miles into Raleigh and take I-440 West.
- ☉ Follow I-440 west to Exit #10 (Wake Forest Rd)
- ☉ Make a right at light off the exit, the Hilton is ¼ mile North on the left across from Raleigh Community Hospital.

Directions

From Hwy 64, Rocky Mount, Greenville, NC and all points East:

- ☉ Take Hwy 64 West to exit for I-440 North at Tower Shopping Center
- ☉ From I-440, take Exit #10 (Wake Forest Rd) make a right at the light off the exit
- ☉ Hotel is ¼ mile north on the left across from Raleigh Community Hospital