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## Traffic stop bill gets support

### Reps. Hanes, Conrad back measure on how to deal with law enforcement

BY CASH MICHAELS  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

A bill that, if enacted, would require the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles to begin producing driver license handbooks that instruct motorists, especially young drivers, on how to properly and legally conduct themselves while engaging with law enforcement during traffic stops, has

been proposed.

It is getting bi-partisan support in the state House by two members of the Forsyth County delegation.

The proposed measure is important, at least one law enforcement official says, because while police, sheriff's deputies and state troopers are rigorously trained on how to



Conrad



Hanes

act and react during traffic stops, much of the driving public, especially young people, don't realize that the slightest provocative move could be mistakenly interpreted as a threat by that officer, and end fatally.

It's one of the reasons many black parents say they have "the talk" with their driving age teenage children on how to

follow the instructions of law enforcement when stopped on the road, the first rule being keep your hands plainly in sight, and don't move unless the officer either instructs you to, or you advise the officer accordingly. If passed, "at the request of the Department of Public Instruction, the Division shall provide free copies of the handbook to that Department for use in the program of driver education offered at public high schools."

While Section 1 of the bill, once signed into law, becomes effective January 1, 2018, the remaining sections become effective beginning with the 2017-2018

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

A group of youngsters show off their dance moves during the Kiddie Valentine's Day Prom on Friday, Feb. 10.

## PIPA hosts first Kiddie Valentine's Day Prom

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The tumbling mats at Positive Image Performing Arts (PIPA) were rolled up and the red carpet was rolled out last Friday evening as 100 children attended the organizations first annual Kiddie Valentine's Day Prom.

The event held at the PIPA headquarters on North Patterson Avenue was designed to teach young ladies and gentlemen how to dress up, manners, etiquette, and how to socially interact without using a cell phone or iPad. Complete with three separate dance floors for children in preschool, elementary, and middle school, and a live performance from local recording artist Young Reid, the Kiddie Prom had

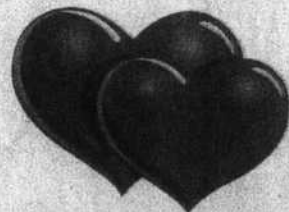
everything you would expect to see at a traditional high school prom.

PIPA owner Courtney Porter said she decided to host the event after coming across a photo of her cousin attending a similar event in 1953 with the local Jack and Jill Chapter. Porter said, "There once was a time where boys and girls would dress up for dances, cotillions, and ball and it was OK.

"It wasn't considered to be grown or inappropriate. These were events that were tailored to teach our boys and girls how to be classy. Unfortunately, there are not many opportunities to get dressed up, but we felt like this was a perfect opportunity to do so."

Although many of the children attend-

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Jemel Williams takes a photo with his daughter Zara during the first Kiddie Valentine's Day Prom held last week.

## New HP commander seeks to build stronger ties

### McNeill has links to W-S area

BY CASH MICHAELS  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

If you personally knew the N.C. Highway Patrol's first African-American commander, the late Col. Richard Holden Sr., then you know Col. Glenn McNeill today, that agency's newest leader.

Humble but strong, principled and devoted to service, it is no accident that McNeill asked Holden, one of the first blacks to become a state trooper, to be his mentor many years ago, and learned those basic tenets of manhood, and law enforcement, from him.

"I loved that man," McNeill says. "When he walked into a room, you knew he was in charge. I looked up to him the way he carried himself, the way he loved his family, and how active he was in the community. To sit in an office that he once occupied ... I'm humbled by this experience and having this opportunity, but I just don't think I'm worthy."

"If I end up being half the colonel that he was," McNeill continued, "I will consider that to be a blessed tenure."

As of last Friday when he was sworn-in as the new commander of the 1,600 troopers of the State Highway Patrol (SHP), Col. Glenn McNeill now has that chance. In an exclusive interview, Col. McNeill pledged to lead a patrol that looks like the citizenry it's sworn to protect and serve.

"One of the things that will be a priority in my administration is our retention, and our recruitment of more females and minorities, with the ultimate goal of the Highway Patrol working toward representing and looking like the population in our state," McNeill said.

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McNeill

## Thought Force releases recommendations to reduce poverty

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Poverty Thought Force presented its recommendations to reduce local poverty on Monday, Feb. 13.

"This is the beginning, but hopefully, maybe five years or six years from now, we can look back and say this is the day we started making a change here in Winston-Salem and Forsyth

County," said Mayor Allen Joines, during the event at City Hall.

Joines announced the creation of the Thought Force in October 2015 to find ideas to decrease the city's poverty rate, which was 23 percent in 2015. The 22-member committee is chaired by Wake Forest Provost Rogan Kersh and is made of community leaders. This includes City Council Member Derwin Montgomery, who heads the

Bethesda Center for the Homeless, who said poverty was a great "moral challenge" for the city and county.

Kersh said the group spent more time talking to those in the community than meeting with themselves. It held five World Cafe meetings to solicit ideas from the public, which the committee narrowed down. A sixth cafe was held to get

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