



# Public Schools of North Carolina

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## DWI Vehicle Seizures November 1, 2000 – October 31, 2001

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has administered a statewide contract for the towing, storage, and sale of vehicles seized under North Carolina's DWI seizure law since June 1, 1999. This effectively removed local school systems from the administration of the DWI vehicle seizure laws. On June 1, 1999 DGS Contract Services began taking possession of newly seized vehicles in the eastern half of North Carolina. On July 1, 1999 DGS Contract Services became responsible for all newly seized vehicles in all counties of North Carolina. On April 1, 2001, the statewide contract was transferred to Tarheel Specialties Inc. of Linden, North Carolina.

The following data were compiled for the period November 1, 2000 through October 31, 2001, from reports prepared by the Division of Motor Vehicles, DGS Contract Services and Tarheel Specialties.

- A total of 5,435 vehicles were impounded, averaging over 100 vehicles per week.
- A total of 1,429 vehicles were released to innocent owners or lienholders upon payment of towing and storage fees. (\$14,290.00 going to the General Fund of North Carolina)
- 3,439 vehicles were been sold at public auction for a total of \$2,252,040, or an average of \$654 per vehicle. DGS Contract Services received \$59,143 for paying out initial towing and storage fees to local towing companies. DGS received \$113,585 for towing and selling fees, and \$419,369 for storage fees. Tarheel Specialties received \$142,154 for paying out initial towing and storage fees to local towing companies. Tarheel Specialties received \$247,835 for towing and selling fees, and \$902,074 for storage fees. (\$34,390.00 going to the General Fund of North Carolina)
- 85% of DWI seized vehicles are auctioned under the expedited sales provision of the DWI seizure law.
- Local school systems have received \$88,784 for vehicles forfeited to local School Boards. DGS also sent \$43,634 to the Clerk of Court for vehicles not yet forfeited. For vehicles auctioned by Tarheel specialties under the expedited sales provisions that are eventually forfeited, local schools systems **may** receive up to an additional \$201,072.00.
- Tarheel Specialties has 2,756 vehicles that remain impounded.
- During the reporting period, 507 vehicles were reported forfeited to DPI since November 1, 2000. The average time it takes for a vehicle to go through the court process and be forfeited is 249 days.
- Five forfeited vehicles have been retained by School Boards for their own use.

The attached document indicates breakdown by county of the numbers stated above.



Picture at left shows storage facility at Tarheel Specialties in Linden, NC.

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COUNTY	Number of DWI seized vehicles Nov 1, 2000 thru Oct 31, 2001	Number of vehicles released to innocent owners and lienholders	Number of vehicles sold at auction	Proceeds held by Clerk of Court pending forfeiture hearing	Proceeds sent to LEA from Nov 1, 2000 thru March 31, 2001	Proceeds to LEA (if forfeited) from April 2001-November 2001
ALAMANCE	80	10	45	\$ 2,145	\$ -	\$ 770
ALEXANDER	22	6	15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,820
ANSON	6	1	4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ASHE	19	2	11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AVERY	7	1	6	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 640
BEAUFORT	56	20	36	\$ -	\$ 4,320	\$ 3,245
BERTIE	3	1	2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BLADEN	31	15	17	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ 10
BRUNSWICK	55	8	34	\$ 230	\$ -	\$ 1,950
BUNCOMBE	78	20	47	\$ 625	\$ -	\$ -
BURKE	89	19	58	\$ 395	\$ 1,233	\$ 1,635
CABARRUS	311	91	107	\$ 670	\$ 112	\$ 8,143
CALDWELL	100	11	77	\$ 4,040	\$ 3,595	\$ 1,445
CARTERET	77	18	58	\$ 110	\$ 355	\$ 2,135
CASWELL	23	4	16	\$ -	\$ 1,275	\$ 406
CATAWBA	114	17	79	\$ -	\$ 6,320	\$ 3,340
CHATHAM	34	3	33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255
CHEROKEE	19	4	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,190
CLEVELAND	49	9	28	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ 357
COLUMBUS	15	3	11	\$ 60	\$ -	\$ -
CRAVEN	52	19	27	\$ -	\$ 1,865	\$ -
CUMBERLAND	79	30	49	\$ -	\$ 355	\$ 2,210
CURRITUCK	9	5	6	\$ -	\$ 4,960	\$ 400
DARE	30	10	14	\$ 315	\$ 2,930	\$ -
DAVIDSON	91	16	64	\$ 1,490	\$ 1,135	\$ 1,605
DAVIE	32	7	19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,520
DUPLIN	34	11	21	\$ -	\$ 570	\$ 595
DURHAM	44	18	36	\$ 865	\$ 575	\$ 1,330
EDGECOMBE	13	3	15	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ -
FORSYTH	235	92	153	\$ 2,825	\$ -	\$ 13,015
FRANKLIN	33	6	20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GASTON	258	57	155	\$ 860	\$ -	\$ 8,139
GATES	8	3	4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GRAHAM	2	0	1	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ -
GRANVILLE	25	5	22	\$ -	\$ 310	\$ 787
GREENE	5	0	4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GUILFORD	333	104	212	\$ 2,885	\$ 1,010	\$ 13,410
HALIFAX	51	9	34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 620
HARNETT	55	17	47	\$ 2,070	\$ 1,255	\$ 3,425
HAYWOOD	49	8	32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,385
HENDERSON	78	9	31	\$ -	\$ 1,890	\$ 585
HERTFORD	11	2	12	\$ -	\$ 2,265	\$ -
HOKE	44	12	22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,315
HYDE	7	0	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
IREDELL	115	25	99	\$ 3,143	\$ 2,804	\$ 11,077
JACKSON	10	2	11	\$ -	\$ 470	\$ 565
JOHNSTON	83	29	40	\$ 195	\$ -	\$ 95
JONES	2	0	2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300
LEE	84	20	60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,540
LENOIR	27	8	35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650
LINCOLN	9	3	7	\$ 305	\$ 65	\$ -
MACON	17	3	16	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ -
MADISON	22	2	15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MARTIN	25	3	12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
McDOWELL	36	4	18	\$ -	\$ 165	\$ 760
MECKLENBURG	52	30	39	\$ 275	\$ 22,835	\$ 7,560
MITCHELL	17	1	10	\$ -	\$ 190	\$ 1,345
MONTGOMERY	18	3	27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240
MOORE	89	25	54	\$ 5,210	\$ -	\$ 2,660
NASH	133	40	80	\$ 1,370	\$ -	\$ 4,015
NEW HANOVER	159	63	88	\$ -	\$ 7,520	\$ 6,910

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NORTHAMPTON	13	3	9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ONSLOW	97	28	52	\$ -	\$ 1,695	\$ 2,970
ORANGE	40	14	18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,440
PAMLICO	0	0	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PASAQUOTANK	33	4	17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,995
PENDER	37	12	12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PERQUIMANS	2	0	2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PERSON	42	4	32	\$ -	\$ 1,540	\$ 3,675
PITT	59	22	31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 460
POLK	14	1	9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 880
RANDOLPH	87	20	66	\$ 520	\$ -	\$ 3,575
RICHMOND	57	12	38	\$ -	\$ 2,710	\$ 395
ROBESON	31	8	17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,060
ROCKINGHAM	122	31	72	\$ 11	\$ -	\$ 3,460
ROWAN	82	19	40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 780
RUTHERFORD	62	8	41	\$ -	\$ 660	\$ 3,170
SAMPSON	59	7	50	\$ -	\$ 1,285	\$ 1,760
SCOTLAND	29	12	19	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 195
STANLY	17	5	19	\$ -	\$ 580	\$ 700
STOKES	40	10	36	\$ -	\$ 735	\$ -
SURRY	60	9	51	\$ 2,795	\$ -	\$ 4,455
SWAIN	10	1	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135
TRANSYLVANIA	6	2	7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UNION	40	6	37	\$ 1,700	\$ -	\$ 1,190
VANCE	76	14	46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,035
WAKE	244	109	128	\$ 5,765	\$ 4,185	\$ 26,565
WARREN	10	3	7	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -
WASHINGTON	9	0	13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,150
WATAUGA	28	7	24	\$ 285	\$ -	\$ 1,675
WAYNE	96	28	60	\$ 780	\$ -	\$ 4,223
WILKES	80	13	41	\$ 950	\$ 2,635	\$ 3,985
WILSON	116	39	100	\$ -	\$ 2,190	\$ 20
YADKIN	32	3	15	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 1,250
YANCEY	16	4	9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 475
Totals	5435	1429	3439	\$ 43,634	\$ 88,784	\$ 201,072