

Joseph Whiteman, communications officer supervisor

DEC Start date and retirement

date: Nov. 2, 1987 – April 1, 2018

Any other job titles while at DEC:

Communications officer
 Senior communications officer
 Assistant communications officer
 supervisor
 Operations support supervisor
 (twice)
 Headset coordinator
 Teletype statistician

What are your most memorable occasions or events from your time with DEC?

I was the first FCO selected to work fire radio on the first shift in the new building, July 2001.

Working police radio for evening shift on Sept. 11, 2001.

Working 12-hour shifts, and

spending the night in the DEC during Hurricane Isabel, September 2003.

Working fire radio F2 with Pat Ware on F1 evening shift during Broad Street fire, March 2004.

Working police radio P2 during Tropical Storm Gaston, August 2004.

Floor supervisor during 5.8 magnitude earthquake, Aug. 23, 2011.

What will you miss most? Best part of the job?

Seeing and speaking with employees, supervisors and staff every day; sharing work experiences, and movies, books, television and more.

Interacting with members of the police and fire departments.

Instructing and role play in the Basic Dispatch Academy.

What are your plans for retirement?

Travel, crab legs, reading, movies, and riding down the road listening to good music.

Anything else you want to share?

It was my honor and privilege to be a part of DEC for more than 30 years. Thank you, all.



Joe Whiteman is recognized during the 27th Basic Dispatch Academy graduation, March 16, 2018.