



2023 LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY



OVERVIEW

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety is comprised of approximately 6,000 employees, along with about 10,000 North Carolina National Guard soldiers and airmen. Through effective law enforcement, juvenile justice programs, emergency response and recovery and homeland security preparedness, DPS employees help to ensure North Carolina is a safe place to live, work and visit.

Included in this department are Alcohol Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Information Network, Emergency Management, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, N.C. National Guard, N.C. Office of Recovery and Resiliency, Samarcand Training Academy, State Capitol Police, State Highway Patrol and the Office of Victim Compensation Services. Also included are these Boards and Commissions: ABC Commission, Governor's Crime Commission, Private Protective Services Board, Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice and Boxing and Combat Sports Commission.

DPS LEADERSHIP

Office of the Secretary

The secretary of the Department of Public Safety serves as the sole representative on the governor's cabinet for the state's law enforcement, emergency management and other public safety responsibilities. The DPS secretary also oversees the state's homeland security coordination as the homeland security advisor.

Eddie M. Buffaloe Jr. Secretary



Gov. Roy Cooper appointed Eddie M. Buffaloe Jr. as secretary of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety effective November 2021. Secretary Buffaloe has served as a law enforcement officer for more than 30 years.

Prior to his appointment, Secretary Buffaloe worked a dual role as Elizabeth City's interim city manager and director of the Elizabeth City Department of Public Safety. Buffaloe's work in various law enforcement and public safety capacities across the state have included police chief, sheriff's office, a correctional officer in the North Carolina Department of Correction and a law enforcement instructor for the North Carolina Training and Standards Commission. Buffaloe also served in the North Carolina National Guard for 10 years.

Jane Ammons Gilchrist Chief of Staff



Jane Ammons Gilchrist was appointed chief of staff in April 2021, and leads the department's strategic planning efforts. Reporting directly to the chief of staff are the Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Law Enforcement; Office of Policy and Strategic Planning; Office of General Counsel; and the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency.

She previously served as the general counsel for DPS from 2017 until 2021, overseeing the office that provides legal advice and support to each division within the department. Gilchrist has served as a key advisor and leader on the senior leadership team since her appointment in 2017.

Cara Bridges Policy & Strategic Planning Director



Cara Bridges was announced as the Department of Public Safety's director of policy and strategic planning in November 2022, and reports directly to the DPS Chief of Staff. She has worked as senior policy and planning analyst for the department since 2019, providing policy and program management and strategic planning support.

Bridges began her career in 2013 as government affairs assistant with the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Before joining NCDPS she was a fiscal

analyst with the North Carolina General Assembly. She is responsible for managing the department's strategic plan, including creating, updating and tracking implementation. Bridges also manages all department level policies and ensures they are in compliance with applicable laws and state policies.

Laura Howard General Counsel



Laura Howard was appointed as the general counsel for the Department of Public Safety in January 2022, and she oversees the office that provides legal advice and support to each division within the department. Howard reports directly to the DPS Chief of Staff. Prior to joining state government, Howard served as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of North Carolina for over six years. She also spent six years as a senior litigation associate at an international law firm in Washington, D.C., and clerked for federal district court Judge David Alan Ezra of the U.S. District Court in Hawaii.

Sherry Hunter Deputy Secretary for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Law Enforcement



Sherry Hunter was appointed Deputy Secretary for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Law Enforcement in July of 2022, and reports directly to the DPS Chief of Staff. In her role, Hunter provides experience and guidance to help DPS achieve the departmental goal of reflecting and representing North Carolinians from all walks of life within our work force. Hunter comes to DPS having served most recently as the Administrative Services Division Commander for the city of Raleigh Police Department. Hunter was elevated from her previous role of Police Training Director with the department. Hunter also served as the departmental liaison/school director to the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. Hunter previously worked as a Probation Parole Officer with the North Carolina Department of Correction.

Richard Trumper Senior Advisor for Disaster Recovery



Richard Trumper joined the Department of Public Safety as senior advisor for disaster recovery in February 2023. He is responsible for working with the N.C. Office of Recovery and Resiliency to identify and resolve challenges related to the ReBuild N.C. Homeowner Recovery Program. As part of an expanded, comprehensive approach to recovery, Trumper works with department leaders, the N.C. Office of Recovery and Resiliency, N.C. Emergency Management and other partners to get disaster survivors back in their homes faster. Trumper has more than 22 years of experience working in construction management and disaster recovery program management. Trumper is a North Carolina licensed general contractor.

Administration

The Administration Division is charged with operational oversight for the department. This division provides a variety of core support functions for numerous interrelated services. These core support services include Information Technology, Budget and Analysis, Controller's Office, Human Resources, Legislative Affairs, Communications, Office of Special Investigations, Purchasing and Logistics, as well as Internal Audit. The Governor's Crime Commission, Victim Compensation Services, Office of Violence Prevention, Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice and Private Protective Services also fall under Administration.

Casandra Skinner Hoekstra Chief Deputy Secretary for Administration



Casandra Skinner Hoekstra serves as the department's chief deputy secretary for administration, overseeing a variety of divisions, including Human Resources, Legislative Affairs, Office of Special Investigations and the Governor's Crime Commission.

Hoekstra is a trusted advisor with more than 25 years of legal, policy development and local and state government relations experience.

She has previously served as the legislative counsel for the N.C. Association of County Commissioners, as general counsel for the Department of Public Safety and the former Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. Hoekstra also has served on the N.C. Domestic Violence and N.C. Victims Compensation Commissions.

Susanna Davis Director Legislative Affairs



Susanna Davis serves as legislative affairs director and reports directly to the Chief Deputy Secretary for Administration. She is a veteran employee of North Carolina government having worked in both the legislative and executive branches. Most recently, she served as the legislative liaison for the Office of State Human Resources. Davis has also worked in the Governor's Office, North

Carolina Community College System and in multiple roles in the North Carolina General Assembly, including serving as legislative assistant to Republican and Democratic members. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Jody D. Donaldson Director of Communications



As Communications Director, Jody Donaldson oversees public affairs, media relations, social media and publications for the department. He reports directly to the Chief Deputy Secretary for Administration. Prior to joining the department, Donaldson served as the regional



Communications chief for the National Capital and Greater Chesapeake Region of the American Red Cross. Previously, he was the commander of the Public Affairs Office for the Alexandria Police Department; police officer, public information officer and crisis negotiator at the Fairfax County Police Department; and served as an FBI special agent. He also has held executive level positions in marketing, policy, external relations and training for primarily real estate-related companies.

Melissa Earp Chief Financial Officer



Melissa Earp was named the department's chief financial officer in late 2022, and reports directly to the Chief Deputy Secretary for Administration. She previously served the department in the Division of Adult Correction as deputy secretary of administration. Earp has worked for DPS for more than 24 years. Before her promotion to deputy secretary, she served as director and assistant director of Prisons' administrative services, regional administrative services manager and office assistant. She also spent two years working as the chief financial officer for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission from 2017-19. As CFO, Earp is responsible for the department's financial operations and manages all financial matters and decision-making. This includes accounting, financial reporting and business control.

Sidra Owens Director Internal Audit



Sidra Owens was named the department's internal audit director in October 2022, and reports directly to the Chief Deputy Secretary for Administration. Owens began her career in 1995 with the then-Department of Correction as a purchasing agent. She was promoted to accountant in 2002 and transferred to NCDPS when the agencies merged in 2012. Owens was named an auditor in 2015, audit supervisor in 2018 and audit manager in 2020. As internal audit director, she is responsible for providing objective evaluations of NCDPS policies and procedures.

Charlene Shabazz Human Resources Director



Charlene Shabazz was appointed director of Human Resources in November 2022, and reports directly to the Chief Deputy Secretary for Administration. Before that time, Shabazz had served as DPS' deputy director of human resources since 2017. Shabazz has more than 35 years of human resources experience, mostly with the state of North Carolina. Before joining the Department of Public Safety, she worked for the Office of State Human Resources as a business operations director, HR manager/director, HR consultant, HR personnel officer and workers' compensation consultant. As director of human resources, Shabazz is responsible for overseeing all the office's operations, including policy management, legal compliance, benefits and talent acquisition.

Eric Smith Director Office of Special Investigations



As director of the Office of Special Investigations, Eric Smith is responsible for overseeing all aspects of internal investigations stemming from allegations of serious misconduct by department employees, volunteers and contractors. He reports directly to the Chief Deputy Secretary for Administration. Smith has served as the director of OSI since December 2022. Before assuming the role as director he served as deputy director of OSI starting January 2021. As a retired captain from the Wilson Police Department, he has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience. He previously worked for the Wilson Police Department as captain of professional standards, lieutenant of administration, sergeant of patrol, financial crimes detective, juvenile detective and patrol officer. Smith holds a Masters in Justice Administration from Methodist University, and is also an adjunct professor of criminology/criminal justice at Barton College. Smith serves on the Board of Directors for the Wilson Police Department Police Athletics/Activities League.

Caroline Valand Deputy Secretary for Partnership Engagement



Caroline Valand was named Deputy Secretary for Partnership Engagement in 2021, and reports directly to the Chief Deputy Secretary for Administration. In this position she provides oversight for the Governor's Crime Commission; Private Protective Services Board and Alarm Systems Licensing Board; and Victim Compensation Services. Prior to accepting this position, Valand served as the executive director of the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission, which is the chief advisory body to the governor and the DPS secretary on crime and justice issues. In this role, Valand administered approximately \$70 million in federal

Department of Justice block grants, which are awarded to enhance services for victims of crime and to support law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Before joining GCC, Valand served as chief of staff to the President and CEO of 3D Systems, the largest 3D printing company in the world.

Alcohol Law Enforcement

The Alcohol Law Enforcement division is the lead enforcement agency for the state's alcoholic beverage control, lottery and tobacco laws. As such, the approximately 108 ALE special agents target problem ABC-licensed and illegal establishments that serve as havens for violence, drugs, gang activity, organized crime, money laundering and other criminal activity. Their mission is to enforce state laws related to alcohol sales and purchases, gambling, tobacco, controlled substances and nuisance abatement, as well as other criminal and regulatory matters in the interest of health and public safety.

Bryan House Director Alcohol Law Enforcement



Bryan House was named director of the Alcohol Law Enforcement division (ALE) in December 2019, shortly after ALE was re-established as a division within NCDPS.

House became an ALE special agent in 1999, attending the 14th ALE Special Agent Academy and has since served as a task force agent with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force, commander of ALE's

special response team, special agent in charge of professional standards and senior special agent in charge overseeing ALE operations. House is a specialized instructor and holds certifications for subject control and arrest techniques, as well as physical fitness through the N.C. Criminal Justice Standards Division.

Emergency Management

North Carolina Emergency Management works to enhance the state's resiliency by actively collaborating, communicating and coordinating to prevent, mitigate, respond and recover from disasters. The agency deploys state resources when needed, and coordinates with neighboring states and the federal government to augment staffing and resources. NCEM also administers state and federal grants, manages multi-agency response to disasters, oversees all hazards and threat risk management, coordinates regional hazard mitigation plans, facilitates trainings and exercises, and manages assets such as the regional hazmat response and search and rescue teams. In addition, the agency develops and maintains flood maps for each county in North Carolina and maintains the official survey database for the state. NCEM also manages the state's Homeland Security program.

William Ray Director of Emergency Management



William Ray was appointed director of Emergency Management in July 2021 and is charged with leading efforts to ensure the state's preparedness by coordinating needed staff and resources to support local responses to, and recovery from, all hazards and threats. He serves as the state's deputy homeland security advisor and a member of the State Emergency Response Commission.

Director Ray most recently served as the chief of staff at North Carolina Emergency Management. As such, he was the principal deputy coordinating and supervising the work of NCEM and the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency. He joined NCEM in early 2018 as the assistant director for the Plans and Homeland Security section.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

The Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is tasked with the reduction and prevention of juvenile delinquency in North Carolina by effectively intervening, educating and treating youth to strengthen families and increase public safety. The Division strives to provide a seamless, comprehensive juvenile justice system that provides the most effective services to youth and their families at the right time, in the most appropriate settings.

For juveniles, the focus is on strengthening families, promoting delinquency prevention, supporting core social institutions, intervening immediately and effectively when delinquent behavior occurs, and identifying and controlling serious, violent and chronic juvenile offenders in the local communities. The Division provides care, custody and supervision of all juveniles prior to adjudication and following disposition of their case for violating state laws.

William L. Lassiter Deputy Secretary,
Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention



William Lassiter plans and directs operations of the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. As deputy secretary, he oversees juvenile facility operations, juvenile court services, juvenile community programs, as well as juvenile intervention and treatment programs.

Due to Lassiter's knowledge of school safety, Governor Roy Cooper appointed him as chair of the N.C. Task Force for Safer Schools in October 2019. Additionally, Lassiter serves on several other boards and commissions, including: the Governor's Crime Commission, the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee, the Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee and the Chief Justice's Task Force on Trauma-Informed Courts.

North Carolina National Guard

The North Carolina National Guard is an all-volunteer force of more than 10,000 soldiers and airmen who serve in both federal and state capacities.

The Guard is first a federal reserve of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force that, when called upon by the United States president, provides units that are manned, trained, equipped and available on short notice for national defense missions. The Guard is also on call at the governor's request to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety within the state. As part of its peacetime mission, the Guard provides essential staffing and resources to respond to hurricanes, floods, tornadoes or other emergencies. Guard aviation units help local governments search for missing persons, assist law enforcement personnel with aerial searches for marijuana and fight forest fires. In addition, the Guard participates in local communities with programs that add value to families, employers and neighborhoods.

Major General M. Todd Hunt Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard



Major General M. Todd Hunt assumed his duties as the adjutant general of the North Carolina National Guard in December 2019. As adjutant general, Hunt commands around 10,000 citizen soldiers and airmen of the North Carolina Army and Air National Guard and is the governor's principal advisor on military affairs.

General Hunt received his commission in 1987 through the Reserve Officer Training Program at East Carolina University. Most recently, General Hunt has served as the Land Component Commander of the North Carolina National Guard since September 2017, and the Deputy Commanding General of the Army National Guard-US Army Aviation Center of Excellence in Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Office of Recovery and Resiliency

Established in early 2019, the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency administers the state's federal funding for long-term disaster recovery, delivering assistance to communities and households recovering from major disasters, such as hurricanes Matthew and Florence. Additionally, the office leads efforts to build North Carolina's resilience in the face of future disasters and climate change impacts. The Office of Recovery and Resiliency manages programs that include homeowner recovery, strategic buyout, resiliency, mitigation, community development, affordable housing and local government grants and loans.



Laura Hogshead was appointed chief operating officer of the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) in late 2018. In this role, Hogshead oversees the expenditure of hurricane recovery funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for areas impacted by natural disasters. Hogshead also oversees the expenditure of the U.S. Department of Treasury

Coronavirus Relief Fund and Emergency Rental Assistance allocations through the state's pandemic-related emergency rental assistance program.

Hogshead is a native North Carolinian who, before returning to her home state, spent most of her career in Washington, D.C. She was the HUD chief operating officer from 2013 to 2017, and served as a lead HUD staffer on the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee from 2007 to 2013.

Samarcand Training Facility

Samarcand Training Academy facilitates basic, in-service and advanced training events for law enforcement and public safety personnel using state-of-the-art training equipment. The 430-acre campus in Moore County includes a firearms and tactical training simulator that uses over 250 scenarios to create fully immersive and interactive video/audio/sensory engagements in a 300 degree environment. Originally opened in 1914 as an open-air school for boys, the campus was mostly used as various training schools for youth until repurposed in 2015 as a law enforcement training facility.

Matthew Rebuck Director, Samarcand Training Academy



Matthew Rebuck was named director of Samarcand Training Academy in March 2022. As director, he is responsible for leading the department's premier training facility that provides basic, in-service and advanced training for DPS law enforcement agencies and juvenile justice employees. Rebuck comes to DPS from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where his most recent assignment was as a supervisory special agent at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Rebuck began his law enforcement career in 1988, serving in the United States Air Force Security Police until 1993. After his enlistment, he served as a campus police officer for the University of New Mexico and Portsmouth, Virginia. He joined the FBI as a special agent in 2002. In 2017, Rebuck was promoted to supervisory special agent and transferred to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, where he served as a core faculty member instructing new agent and analyst trainees.

State Capitol Police

The North Carolina State Capitol Police is charged with providing a safe and secure environment for public officials, state employees and visitors within the North Carolina State Government Complex, as well as at state-owned properties entrusted to its care.

Roger “Chip” Hawley Chief, State Capitol Police



Roger “Chip” Hawley became the chief of State Capitol Police in December 2018, nine months after joining the force as deputy chief. Prior to joining State Capitol Police, Hawley served 32 years with the Wake County Sheriff’s Office, where he attained the rank of major.

Hawley attended Campbell University and has received a variety of specialized law enforcement certifications, including Law Enforcement Motorcycle Operator and Instructor, specialized knowledge in special events/mass gatherings and law enforcement general instructor. He also is a graduate of the Administrative Officers Management Program and was recognized as the Wake County Sheriff’s Officer of the Year in 2001.

State Highway Patrol

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol’s primary mission is to reduce collisions and make the state’s highways as safe as possible. There are more than 1,600 state troopers who patrol 78,000+ miles of state-maintained roadways. In addition to enforcing the state’s traffic laws, state troopers also guide traffic during hurricane evacuations, re-route traffic around hazardous chemical spills and stand ready should any act of terrorism occur.

Other State Highway Patrol staff include radio engineers, telecommunicators, aviators and civilian staff, each committed to helping keep the traveling public safe. A Traffic Safety Information officer is located in each of the eight troop locations across the state to promote highway safety and make presentations to schools, civic groups or other interested parties.

Colonel Freddy Johnson Jr. Commander, State Highway Patrol



Governor Roy Cooper appointed Freddy L. Johnson Jr. as commander of the State Highway Patrol in April 2021. A 1996 Honor Graduate of Highway Patrol Basic School, Johnson began his career as a trooper in Lumberton and served most of his career in Robeson and Cumberland Counties. He was promoted to the rank of captain in 2013 and major March 2017.

Colonel Johnson is a 2019 graduate of the FBI National Academy program and 2006 graduate of the Administrative Officer Management Program at N.C. State University.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including: 2020 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Award, the Department of Public Safety's Badge of Excellence Award for Outstanding Performance; Highway Patrol's Samaritan Award; N.C. Governor Highway Safety Program's 2016 State Law Enforcement Partner of the Year and the North Carolina Association of Fire Chief's 2016 Fire Officer of the Year.

COMMISSIONS, PROGRAMS AND AFFILIATED AGENCIES

Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (N.C. ABC Commission) is an independent state agency housed in the N.C. Department of Public Safety with a direct report to the Governor's Office. The Commission provides uniform control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of all alcoholic beverages in the state. Nationally, North Carolina is one of 17 control states/jurisdictions and is a member of the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association.

The N.C. ABC Commission meets monthly to hear and take action on permit violations, requests for approval of new ABC store locations and other matters within the commission's regulatory authority.

Hank Bauer is the chairperson for the commission.

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Boxing and Combat Sports Commission

Boxing is a major spectator sport in North Carolina and is closely watched and regulated by the state's Boxing and Combat Sports Commission to keep participants safe and to sanction organizations that promote live boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts and toughman bouts. This commission maintains records of more than 10,000 amateur and professional fighter and toughman contenders. The supervisor of the N.C. Boxing and Combat Sports Commission has the power to monitor, investigate and use judicial injunctions, suspensions, fines and criminal prosecution to prevent corruption such as economic exploitation of fighters, unlicensed or illegal events, or fatalities.

Alvin Coley is the commission's executive director, with Tamara Lewis as the assistant director. Valerie Dorsett, Esq. is the chairperson for the commission.

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Governor's Crime Commission

The Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) serves as the chief advisory body to the governor and to the secretary of public safety on crime and justice issues. Commission members include the heads of statewide criminal justice agencies, appointed state and local government officials and private citizens. GCC also serves as the State Administering Agency (SAA), the executive branch agency designated to apply for federal criminal justice funding from the US Department of Justice on behalf of the state.

These federal funds, along with state appropriated funds, are distributed to state and local criminal justice agencies and non-profits through a grant application process voted on annually by the commission. Commission meetings are held quarterly in Raleigh. Committees, subcommittees and other advisory groups meet as necessary throughout the year.

Caroline Farmer is the executive director of the commission, with Diane Barber-Whitaker as the deputy director. Robert A. Evans is the chairperson for the commission.

📞 **919-733-4564**

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Office of Victim Compensation Services

Staff within the Office of Victim Compensation Services assist crime victims or their family members with finding the appropriate programs and services to help regain a sense of self. This may include financial compensation for medical expenses, lost wages, funerals, trauma counseling, rehabilitation, medically related property or other remedial treatment for victim care. The Rape Victim Assistance Program pays for the cost of forensic medical examinations performed by SANE-certified healthcare providers. All services provided by this office are free and confidential.

Liddie Shropshire is the office's director.

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Office of Violence Prevention

The Office of Violence Prevention was established on March 14, 2023, with the signing of Executive Order 279 by Governor Roy Cooper. The Office will work closely with other state agencies, including the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, to ensure a whole of government and public health approach to reducing violence. The Office will offer training and technical assistance, issue best practice guidance and model processes, facilitate information sharing across state and local leaders working to reduce violence, conduct public awareness campaigns, share data,

collaborate with research institutions and identify and apply for funding from federal and philanthropic sources. This office fulfills a recommendation made by the Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice to support local efforts to develop violence prevention programs.

Gerard Tate is the office's director.

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Private Protective Services Board

The purpose of the Private Protective Services Board is to administer the licensing, education and training requirements for persons, firms, associations and corporations engaged in private protective services within North Carolina. The board is totally fee funded and comprised of members appointed by the governor, public safety secretary, speaker of the house and the N.C. Senate.

Paul Sherwin is the director. Tamara Rabenold is the chairperson for the board.

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Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice (TREC)

Established by Governor Roy Cooper in June 2020, Public Safety Secretary Eddie Buffaloe Jr. and N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice Anita Earls lead the Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice (TREC), which consists of twenty-four members from a wide range of backgrounds. Attorney General Josh Stein previously co-chaired the task force.

Brandy McKoy is the commission's DPS director. Public Safety Secretary Eddie Buffaloe Jr. and Justice Anita Earls are the co-chairs for the task force.

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