

The Police Report



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Southern Shores, North Carolina



Southern Shores Hires 52 Officers

Since its inception in 1979, the Southern Shores Police Department has hired no less than 52 employees. Of those 52 employees, only one retired from the town, three passed away while employed here and the rest have been lost to other departments or professions. The turnover rate for police officers is very high particularly in small towns that often cannot compete with larger departments in salary, benefits or excitement. While the Southern Shores Police Department has had a tumultuous employment history with many of its previous employees only remaining a year or two, we are proud to say that over half the current staff has now been with the department five years or more!

At the September 6th council meeting, Sgt. Jonathan M. Slegel was recognized for 10 years of service to the Town of Southern Shores. Sgt. Slegel began work with the Southern Shores Police Department in late August of 2001. He came to us from the Edenton Police Department and has been a valuable addition to the Southern Shores family. Additionally, Lt. Paul W. Terry came to us in December of 2001 after serving many years with the Town of Nags Head. This December will mark Lt. Terry's 10th year with Southern Shores and during that time has proved himself to be invaluable to this department. Jennifer P. Couture, the department's administrative assistant, has been with the town for 12 years as of September 1st as is the second longest currently employed member of the Town of Southern Shores. Officer Darrell T. Brickhouse has been with the department 6 years and Sgt. Dean R. McManus and Officer/Investigator Michael A. Torres have each been with us 5 years. Chief David M. Kole and Officer Jeremy R. Hemilright will reach their 5 year mark next year.



An effective team can only come from working together long enough to know one another's working abilities. We recognize, accept and appreciate each other's strengths and weaknesses. Like cogs in a well-oiled machine, our diversity in knowledge and experience enables us pick up where the other leaves off. Southern Shores is fortunate to have such an excellent law enforcement team whose members have chosen to make this town their home. Let's hope they continue to patrol our streets for a long time to come.

E-Mail Scams

People are becoming increasingly dependent on technology for all facets of life: social interaction, finances and purchasing everything from entertainment to clothes to groceries. As such, criminals are coming up with even more inventive and effective ways of separating us from our money. Most everyone that has access to the internet has an email account which is a quick and easy way for criminals to reach out and touch the masses. Probably everyone who uses email has seen an email scam at one time or another. They come in many forms and use a variety of methods to obtain a victim's personal information. The most common method of doing this is by phishing or spoofing.

“Phishing and spoofing are somewhat synonymous in that they refer to forged or faked electronic documents. Spoofing generally refers to the dissemination of email which is forged to appear as though it was sent by someone other than the actual source. Phishing, often utilized in conjunction with a spoofed email, is the act of sending an email falsely claiming to be an established legitimate business in an attempt to dupe the unsuspecting recipient into divulging personal, sensitive information such as passwords, credit card numbers, and bank account information after directing the user to visit a specified website. The website, however, is not genuine and was set up only as an attempt to steal the user's information.” (This information was obtained from the Internet Crime Complaint Center.)

Email, while a useful tool, should be handled with care. If possible, do not open email from senders you do not know. If you think you know the sender and open the email but it doesn't make sense or seems strange in some way, **DO NOT** open any corresponding attachments unless you know the email was intentionally sent to you by the sender. If you receive an email from a business, bank or other financial institution that you do not do business with, do not respond to it. Even if you receive an email from an business that you do business with, do not use links in emails to access their website or open attachments. If you have business to conduct online, do so by going directly to the website of the business in question.

If you think you might be the victim of an email scam, you can file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov. You can also go to their website for more information regarding the different type of internet related crimes and ways to protect yourself against becoming a victim.

Tourist Season Has Arrived!

With the Easter weekend comes the unofficial beginning of the tourist season. As such, there will be an increase in traffic and therefore an increase in possible accidents. Please keep this in mind when out and about and be sure to do the following:

Please drive at a safe speed and maintain a safe distance between you and the car in front of you.

Please be aware of your surroundings. Watch for sudden stops and keep cell phone usage to a minimum.

And above all, please be patient. Impatience leads to accidents which will make you far later than any slower driver could.

Stay safe and have a happy summer season!



Apr. 30 - May 6
Motorcycle Safety Week



Statistics for March 2012

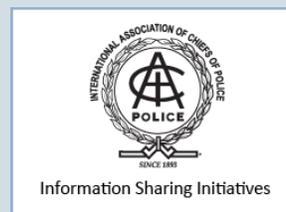
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| Incidents..... | 15 | Citations..... | 15 |
| Rape..... | 1 | Registration Violations..... | 6 |
| Simple Assault..... | 1 | Driver's License Violations..... | 4 |
| Fraud..... | 2 | Speeding..... | 2 |
| Vandalism..... | 1 | Other..... | 3 |
| Indecent Exposure..... | 1 | Warnings..... | 47 |
| Drug Violations..... | 2 | Ordinance Violations..... | 4 |
| Other..... | 7 | Calls for Service..... | 1002 |
| Arrests..... | 6 | Alarms..... | 20 |
| Fraud..... | 1 | Business Checks..... | 279 |
| Indecent Exposure..... | 1 | Residence Checks..... | 267 |
| Other..... | 4 | Assisting Other Agencies..... | 20 |
| Accidents..... | 0 | Traffic Stops..... | 63 |

Interesting Facts

1893

The first national police group is formed, the National Chiefs of Police Union, which would later become the International Association of Chiefs of Police. For the first time, police leaders met regularly to share ideas.

courtesy of www.nleomf.org



The Southern Shores Police Department has a new website! Please go to www.tosspd.com to see the latest news and information pertaining to all of your law enforcement needs. The website is still in a building process so please do not hesitate to send us your comments, suggestions and feedback. Thanks and happy viewing!

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