



Police Pages

Town of Southern Shores Police Department

Welcome back to the Southern Shores Police Pages Newsletter. Fall has arrived and the holidays have begun. Now is the time for family and friends and for all of us to work together in the community at making Southern Shores a great place to live and work. Please do not hesitate to call us at 252-261-3331 or e-mail us at infpd@southernshores-nc.gov with questions or suggestions. Thank you for your continued support of the Police Department and, as always, we look forward to hearing from you!

Holiday Shopping and Safety

Shopping during the holiday season can present unique danger. Taking a few prevention measurers can help keep your holiday season joyous. The following tips can help you be more careful, prepared and aware during the holiday season.

(a) Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member. **(b)** Dress casually and comfortably. **(c)** Avoid wearing expensive jewelry. **(d)** Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible. **(e)** Always carry your Driver License or Identification Card along with

necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use. **(f)** Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.

(g) Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. **(h)** Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible. **(i)** Keep cash in your front pocket. **(j)** Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused. **(k)** Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home. **(l)** Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime

targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit. **(m)** Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps. **(n)** Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings. **Be careful and stay safe this holiday season!!**



Did You Know?

§ 14-79.1. Larceny of pine needles or pine straw.

If any person shall take and carry away, or shall aid in taking or carrying away, any pine needles or pine straw being produced on the land of another person upon which land notices, signs, or posters prohibiting the raking or removal of pine needles or pine straw have been placed in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 14-159.7, or upon which posted notices have been placed in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 14-159.7, with the intent to steal the pine needles or pine straw, that person shall be guilty of a Class H felony.



Safety Tips Provided by Kids in Cars

Children should never be left alone in a vehicle, not

even to run a quick errand. Kids in Cars offers parents the following tips to help keep their children safe:

1. Plan ahead to use drive-through services where available such as pharmacies and banks. More and more services are adding drive-through convenience, including dry cleaners, restaurants (beyond fast food), libraries, grocery stores,

and even dog grooming. A quick search on the Internet will help you find convenient drive-through services in your area.

2. Call dry cleaners and other businesses to schedule pick-up and drop-off services at your vehicle. Most businesses will bring service curbside if you call ahead.

3. Make advance arrangements for your child-care provider to meet you at your vehicle. Alternatively, plan extra time into your pick-up/

drop-off routine to bring all children inside with you.

4. Use your debit or credit card at the gas pump.

5. Ask grocery store clerks to load your bags into your vehicle and return the grocery cart.

6. If possible, leave your children with a responsible adult. Arrange a baby-sitting co-op with your neighbor to give you an hour to run errands.

For more information on Kids in Cars visit www.kidsincars.org.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday November 4, 2007.

Cherish that extra hour of sleep! The days are getting shorter and I guess that means we have to work that much harder to get it all done. Whew! I'm tired just thinking about it.

It's time for a nap...



Kitty Hawk Elementary School Fall Carnival Was a Great Success!

It was beautiful weather and a huge turnout for the Kitty Hawk Elementary School 2008 Annual Fall Carnival. The Southern Shores Police Department was on hand to help with the fun. Lots of children were fingerprinted for the Child Identi-Kit and the Police department hosted a bean bag toss with some great prizes and sponsored a raffle of a bicycle to help raise money for the school. They also offered plenty of informational hand outs, stickers, glow sticks and trick-or-treat bags. Everyone had a blast and we can't wait for next year!



Officer Missy Clark, Chief David Kole and Sergeant Jon Slegel set up for the carnival



The kids had lots of fun with the bean bag toss!



Officer Lora Gilreath taking a child's fingerprints for Identi-kit.

Winner of the Bicycle Raffle is Carson Oehrli!

The Southern Shores Police Department sponsored the raffle of a brand new 24" boys NEXT Power Climber Mountain bike which was generously donated by the Walmart in Kitty Hawk, NC at this years KHES Fall Carnival. The Police Department raised approximately \$239.00 from the raffle which was donated to Kitty Hawk Elementary School.

Apparently, a young man by the name of Carson Oehrli who is a resident of Southern Shores and a student at KHES wanted to buy a ticket but didn't have the money. Lindsey

Ripley, a custodian at KHES, bought a ticket for Carson since he is always

helping Mr. Ripley around the school. Luckily for Carson, his good deeds paid off as he is now the owner of a brand new bicycle. Congratulations Carson!



Sgt. Jon Slegel and Officer Missy Clark present Carson with his new bicycle while Lindsey Ripley looks on.

Important Dates in Law Enforcement History

April 1631

The City of Boston establishes the first system of law enforcement in the 13 colonies. Called the "night watch," officers served part-time, without pay.

1712

The City of Boston hires the first full-time, paid law enforcement officers in the 13 colonies.

September 24, 1789

The United States Congress creates the first Federal law enforcement officer, the United States Marshal. Thirteen U.S. Marshals were appointed by President George Washington.

May 17, 1792

New York City Deputy Sheriff Isaac Smith becomes the first recorded law enforcement officer to be killed in the line of duty. Deputy Sheriff Smith is the first of more than 2,300 Deputy Sheriffs to die in the line of duty.

1835

Texas creates what was later to become the Texas Rangers, the oldest statewide law enforcement agency in America.

1858

Police Departments in Boston and Chicago are the first

to issue uniforms to their officers.

1863

The City of Boston becomes the first police department to issue pistols to their officers.

April 14, 1865

On the day he was shot by the assassin John Wilkes Booth, President Abraham Lincoln approves the formation of what is now the United States Secret Service.

April 10, 1870

Jacksonville, Florida, Officer William Johnson becomes the first African American police officer to be killed in the line of duty.

November 2, 1870

Thomas J. Smith, of Abilene, Kansas, becomes the first of more than 480 Police Chiefs to die in the line of duty.

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... from the desk of Chief David Kole

It's hard to believe that a new year is almost here. Officers were kept busy this summer, but now that things will be slowing down a little, many of the officers will be attending training over the winter months to sharpen their skills. I attended the Fall Festival at Kitty Hawk Elementary school last month and I must say, I was quite impressed with such a well organized and well attended event. I would like to thank all the officers that assisted at the event and Jennifer Couture for all the nice stickers and goodies she put together for give-a ways. We're hoping to put together an annual Police Report sometime after the first of the year in an effort to show the residents what the officers have done over the last year and possibly compare our calls for service, etc., to years past. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Chief David M. Kole

