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# Police Pages

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#### Town of Southern Shores Police Department

Welcome back to the Southern Shores Police Pages Newsletter. We have received some wonderful feedback from you regarding the newsletter and would like to hear more. If any of you have a suggestion for something that you would like to see addressed in the newsletter, please let us know by calling 252-261-3331 or e-mailing us at infopd@southernshores-nc.gov. Thank you for your continued support of the Police Department and, as always, we look forward to hearing from you!

### Welcome our Community Resource Officer!

The Southern Shores Police Department is proud to announce the addition of our new Community Resource Officer, Brent Doughtie. CRO Doughtie has lived on the Outer Banks for several years and recently completed a 2 1/2 year tour of duty in the United States Air Force. CRO Doughtie intends to attend Basic Law Enforcement Training and obtain his General Certifi-

ment officer. But for now the Southern Shores family! he is acting on behalf of Town of Southern Shores as a Community Resource Officer. You will see CRO Doughtie over the course of the summer out on the boat, the ATV and on the street enforcing our local parking and beach ordinances. Please introduce yourself to CRO Doughtie when you see

cation as a law enforce- him and welcome him to



**CRO Brent Doughtie** 

Operation Firecracker which began on June 28 and lasts until July 8th is the latest campaign sponsored by the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program to deter serious incidents which arise from driving while under the influence. The number of D.W.I.'s increases dramatically during the 4th of July holiday so law enforcement all across the State will be working hard to keep our roads and highways safer.





### Fireworks are Illegal in North Carolina



§ 14-410. Manufacture, sale and use of pyrotechnics prohibited; exceptions; sale to persons under the age of 16 prohibited. (a) It shall be unlawful for any individual, firm, partnership or corporation to manufacture, purchase, sell, deal in, transport, possess, receive, advertise, use or cause to be discharged any pyrotechnics of any description whatsoever within the State of North Carolina: provided, however, that it shall be permissible for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used or discharged at concerts or public exhibitions, such as fairs, carnivals, shows of all descriptions and public celebrations: provided, further, that the use of said pyrotechnics in connection with public exhibitions, such as fairs, carnivals, shows of all descriptions and public celebrations, shall be under supervision of experts who have previously secured written authority from the board of county commissioners of the county in which said

pyrotechnics are to be exhibited. used or discharged. Written authority from the board of commissioners is not required, however, for a concert or public exhibition authorized by The University of North Carolina or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and conducted on lands or buildings in Orange County owned by The University of North Carolina or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, but such exhibition, use, or discharge of pyrotechnics shall be under supervision of experts who have previously secured written authority from The University of North Carolina or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, it shall not be unlawful for a common carrier to receive, transport, and deliver pyrotechnics in the regular course of its business. The requirements of G.S. 14-413(b) and G.S. 14-413(c) apply to this section. (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 14-414, it

shall be unlawful for any individual, firm, partnership, or corporation to sell pyrotechnics as defined in G.S. 14-414(2), (3), (4)c., (5), or (6) to persons under the age of 16. (1947, c. 210, s. 1; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 660, s. 3; 1995, c. 475, s. 1; 2003-298, s. 2.)

14-414. Pyrotechnics defined; exceptions. For the proper construction of the provisions of this Article, "pyrotechnics," as is herein used, shall be deemed to be and include any and all kinds of fireworks and explosives, which are used for exhibitions or amusement purposes: provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the manufacture, purchase, sale, transportation, and use of explosives or signaling flares used in the course of ordinary business or industry, or shells or cartridges used as ammunition in firearms. This Article shall not apply to the sale, use, or possession of the following: (1) Explosive caps designed to be fired in toy pistols, provided that the explosive mixture of the explosive caps shall not exceed twenty-five hundredths (.25) of

a gram for each cap. (2) Snake and glow worms composed of pressed pellets of a pyrotechnic mixture that produce a large, snake-like ash when burning. (3) Smoke devices consisting of a tube or sphere containing a pyrotechnic mixture that produces white or colored smoke. (4) Trick noisemakers which produce a small report designed to surprise the user and which include: (a) A party popper, which is a small plastic or paper item containing not in excess of 16 milligrams of explosive mixture. A string protruding from the device is pulled to ignite the device, expelling paper streamers and producing a small report. (b) A string popper, which is a small tube containing not in excess of 16 milligrams of explosive mixture with protruding from both string ends. The strings are pulled to ignite the friction-sensitive mixture, producing a small report. snapper or drop pop, which is a small, paper-wrapped item containing no more than 16 milligrams of explosive mixture coated on small

bits of sand. When dropped, the device produces a small report. (5) Wire sparklers consisting of wire or stick coated with non-explosive pyrotechnic mixture that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition. These items must not exceed 100 grams of mixture per item. (6) Other sparkling devices which emit showers of sparks and sometimes a whistling or crackling effect when burning, do not detonate or explode, do not spin, are hand-held or ground-based, cannot propel themselves through the air, and contain not more than 75 grams of chemical compound per tube, or not more than a total of 200 grams if multiple tubes are used.

Have A Safe and Happy 4th of July!



### The Wild Life in Southern Shores



There is a lot of wildlife indigenous to the Outer Banks and most

of it can be seen right here in Southern Shores. We have deer, fox, raccoons, 'possums, snakes, duck, geese and many other. We often get calls about wildlife that has wandered a little too close to human habitats and people want to know what they should do.

Dare County Animal Control deals with domestic animals only.



They do not trap or dispose of any wildlife.

North Carolina Wildlife officers do not trap or dispose of nuisance wildlife unless they may be considered a danger to the public. They are an enforcement agency and deal with human lawbreakers, not animal ones.

Southern Shores Police do not have the means

to trap or dispose of wild animals. If you know of one that is sick or injured, our officers do have the authority to put an animal down.

There are many laws governing wild-life that our office does not deal with on a regular basis. We do, however, have a resident professional who deals with the trapping and disposal of wild animals (for a fee.) Clyde Joyner is our local "Critter Gitter." He is a licensed N.C. Wildlife Resources Damage Control Agent that specializes in nuisance animal control. If you have a wildlife problem, Clyde is your man. You can contact him at 252-261-1548.

For animals that have already died, if

they are located on a
State maintained
road, D.O.T. will pick them up. If they
are located on a Town street or rightof-way, the Town of Southern Shores
will clear it away. However, if the animal is on private property, the property owner is responsible for finding
means to dispose of it.

We live very closely with wildlife and must learn to live in harmony. Keep in mind that these animals are wild and potentially dangerous no matter how cute and harmless they might seem. Do not feed the animals or attempt to engage them. This in turn leads to potential problems in which you might get more than you bargained for.



Enjoy them from a distance—as God intended.



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#### Achieving Excellence Through Integrity



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#### ... from the desk of Chief David Kole

It's hard to believe that summer is in full swing here in Southern Shores already. We plan to have extra patrols out all summer long; we will especially be out in force on the Fourth of July holiday. While we want everyone to enjoy their summer here, we want to make sure you do so safely. Officers have been focusing on cut through traffic, speeding, and parking issues as well as enforcing local ordinances on the beach and on our local waterways.

Sincerely,

David M. Kole Chief of Police