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# Lt. Paul Terry is Retiring!

Lt. Paul Terry will be retiring from the Southern Shores Police Department on August 1, 2014.

Paul was raised in Ahoskie, Hertford County, North Carolina. After graduating from Ahoskie High School, Paul decided to follow in his brother's, Wilbur R. Terry, footsteps and pursue a career in law enforcement. began the journey by becoming a dispatcher for the Town of Murfreesboro, NC in 1983. But after 2 1/2 years, Paul decided that he would rather be answering calls than dispatching them so he attended Basic Law Enforcement Training at the Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Academy in Wilson, NC and subsequently became a police officer for the Town of Murfreesboro. Paul worked for Murfreesboro and then the Town of Ahoskie for 3 years before deciding that his heart and his career path lay in the Outer Banks.

Paul went to work for the Town of Nags Head in July of 1989. Paul started as a patrol officer then worked his way up to Master Patrol Officer and then Detective. While in Nags Head, Paul earned his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. Criminal Investigators Certificate. General Instructor Certificate and was a member of the bike patrol unit and ERT (Emergency Response Team) unit. After 12 years at the Nags Head Police Department, Paul decided it was time to utilize his considerable experience and education to take the next step in his law enforcement

In December of 2001, Paul began as a Corporal with the Southern Shores Police Department. He quickly became an integral part of the Southern Shores family. Paul's take charge attitude quickly earned him the rank of Sergeant in May of 2002. Never one to shirk additional duties or responsibilities, Paul proved himself to be a valuable asset to the Department and the Town earning him further promotion to Lieutenant in June of 2003. Paul has remained the Lieutenant for the last 10 years and in 2009/2010, he served as the Interim Police Chief. During that time, Paul continued his law enforcement education and became a firearms instructor as well as becoming the department's first In-Service Training Coordinator.

Paul will be retiring from a distinguished career in law enforcement with twenty eight years of experience.

He has seen many changes in the job and conhimself siders and "old school cop." Even so, his decision to retire was a difficult one and not made lightly. He that said he would miss working with his fellow officers the most and the comradery and sense of brotherhood that comes with the job. He also said that he

would miss the job itself, putting on the uniform (literally and figuratively) and even the day to day tasks that come with the job.

For those who have never worked in law enforcement, as with many of the emergency services, the job is not just what you do, it is who you are. Retirement is not an easy decision for those who have made law enforcement a career but it is definitely well deserved. Paul Terry will most certainly be missed. He has been an important part of the Southern Shores family for more than twelve years. We extend an offer of sincere thanks for all that he has done for the police department and for the Town of Southern Shores. And we wish him the happiest of retirements and the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

# **Congratulations Paul!**



# Fraud Alert!

Over the past six months, Southern Shores Police have taken several reports of fraud. These cases have involved credit card fraud, "Green dot" scams, Western Union or counterfeit check scams and "reshipping "frauds. In most cases, scammers target the elderly and gain compliance by playing on the victim's emotions.

In order to increase awareness and reduce victimization due to fraud cases, Southern Shores Police would like to disperse information to the public to reduce fraudulent activity. Below is a list of common frauds and what to do if you become a victim of fraud:

Credit card fraud – Scammer's can obtain credit card information in many ways; computer viruses, card skimmers etc. In most cases the victim will be unaware their credit card information



has been obtained and used fraudulently. To reduce the risk of credit card fraud, keep track of transactions by keeping a close watch on credit card accounts, use secure websites and report any fraudulent activity as soon as possible. If fraudulent activity is observed contact the credit card company or bank issuing the credit card to notify them of fraudulent activity and file a report with the local police department. Victims may also contact one of the credit bureaus to flag their accounts. Further instructions on what to do if one becomes a victim of credit card fraud/identity theft can be found on the North Carolina Department of Justice website by following this link: ID Theft Victims.

"Green dot" scams have been our most reported type of scam. "Green dot" scams usually focus on "Money Pak" cards or "Money Gram" transactions which are loadable cash cards or wire transfers up to \$500. "Green dot" cards are not tied to any permanent bank account or credit card as transactions can be transferred to cash very quickly. In cases of "Green dot" scams, the scam-



mer will contact a victim and tell them they have won a sweepstakes, a loved one is in jail or may even pose as a Federal Agent and say they need to

collect past due taxes. In all cases the scammer will play on the victim's emotions and will request swift action. The scammer will advise the victim to obtain a "Green dot" or other loadable cash cards from CVS, Rite Aid, Wal-Mart or other retailer that sells the loadable cash cards. The scammer then asks the victim to provide the fourteen to sixteen digit numbers to them over the telephone or through email in order to obtain the prize or get their loved one out of jail. In some cases the scammer may say that their attorney must be contacted in order to make the transaction and provides a number to call to provide the "Green dot" number. All attempts to obtain "Green dot" or loadable cash card numbers by telephone or email are fraud. For more information on "Green dot" cards visit the "Green dot" FAQ page at Green Dot Prepaid Debit Card Help | Green Dot Corporation.

Western Union and counterfeit check/money order scams are another way scammers obtain funds fraudulently. In these cases scammer will call or email the victim saying they won a sweepstakes, offer the victim a job, offer to purchase items victims have listed on Craigslist or other social media websites. The scammer will then make payment or a "prize payment" with a check or money order for more than the amount agreed upon. The scammer will ask the victim to cash the

check or money order and to send the left over money via Western Union to a predetermined location. After the money is sent the victim will be notified that the check or money order was counterfeit and the funds will be taken from their account leaving the victim responsible for the amount of the check/money order. For more information on Western Union Fraud click on this link: Consumer Protection.

"Reshipping" frauds are mostly used in conjunction with stolen credit card numbers. The credit card numbers are used to purchase goods online. The goods are shipped to an address of a person who believes they have obtained employment legitimate as "reshipper". This "reshipper" then sends the goods to a predetermined location outside of the United States. A good sign of "reshipping fraud" is fraudulent transactions from USPS on your credit card statement. For more information on reshipping fraud click on this link:

# Reshipping Fraud.

In all cases of fraud a report should be filed with the local Police Department giving as much detail as possible of the offense.



The victim should also file a complaint online with Internet Crime Complaint Center and follow all instruction as they are listed on the North Carolina Department of Justice website.

If anyone has any questions about fraud please contact Sergeant Brad T. Eilert or Investigator Matthew Cooke at the Southern Shores Police Department at 252-261-3331.

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# **Local Ordinance Reminders**

- September 15 of each year, no dog, other than trained service dogs, shall be permitted on the ocean beaches of the Town between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. At all other times, no dogs shall be permitted on the ocean beaches of the Town except upon a leash having a stretched length of no more than ten feet and held by a person who is physically capable of handling the dog.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to start or set a fire of any kind on a beach.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to fire or discharge any gun, shotgun, rifle, pistol or any other fire-

- arm or air rifle, spring gun or pistol, compressed air rifle or pistol or similar device or discharge any explosive devices by whatever name called within the corporate limits of the town.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle of the sand dunes or the ocean beaches within the corporate limits of the town except for emergency vehicles and commercial fisherman.
- No motorized vehicle shall be allowed to operate, park or be left standing on any portion of a multiuse pathway.
- Open air camping is permitted by children 16 years of age or under

only on private residential property. Adequate sanitation facilities must be provided. Camping on the ocean beach is prohibited.



### Fireworks Are Illegal In NC!



# Southern Shores Gets Fit

At the beginning of 2014, Lt. Paul Terry asked the members of the Southern Shores Police Department to consider what goals they would set for themselves in the coming year. Many of the officers expressed a desire to become more physically fit. The result was that many of those officers began individual journeys toward attaining physical fitness as well as participating in several team activities such as the 5k of the Flying Pirate Marathon and the FOP sponsored Run-a-Muck in Currituck.

In regards to this show of self improvement, Sgt. Jon Slegel stated: "As a patrol sergeant, I wanted to let everyone in the town know how proud I am of the officers in our department. Most of our staff, including higher ranking officers, has set new goals in their life towards becoming healthier and fit, not only benefitting themselves and their families, but to better serve our community. Back in February, Lt. Terry challenged all officers to a team build-

ing exercise to run a mud race in Currituck County called Run a Muck in Currituck. Not only did all the officers in our department show interest, they all took it very seriously and started to train. On that day, we all stuck together and finished the race together minus those who had to work but were there with us in spirit. After that day, our officers have shown a great interest in keeping this challenge going by partici-

pating in other events and training on their days off. To this point, our officers have lost approximately 230lbs. in total and as a Sergeant and fellow officer, I cannot say how proud I am of this great accomplishment. Once again, I want to say how proud I am of our entire department and it is a privilege to work with all of you."

It is a true testament to the dedication of the officers of

Southern Shores that even though the Town is small and may not see the excitement that many larger cities might see, they are not content to rest on their laurels and wait until retirement. They are constantly working to improve their minds and their bodies in order to provide a higher level of service to the Town and its citizens for many years to come.



Members of the Southern Shores Police Department and the local offices of NC State Probation and Parole after completing the Run-a-Muck in Currituck.

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Integrity, Honor, Respect, Professionalism



The Southern Shores Police Department supports the core of Community Policing, and accepts its definition as both a philosophy and an organizational strategy that will allow the police and the community to work closely together. Together, we will work to establish and maintain mutual trust among all entities to improve the quality of life while enforcing the law.

We are committed to being a leading community-oriented department.

We are committed to being recognized as leaders in our profession by providing quality, customer focused, problem solving services in partner-ship with the community we serve.

We are committed to ensuring that police and the community share the responsibility for finding workable solutions to problems that detract from community safety and security.

We are committed to have open and honest communications both internally and externally.

We are committed to making sure that with each contact with the public, we treat each person with dignity and a sense of professionalism.

We are committed to excellence in all professional endeavors, maintaining high ethics, and striving to be the best in all we do.

# Law Enforcement History

### January 2, 1932

Six lawmen were killed as they attempted to apprehend two suspects wanted in the murder of Greene County Marshal Mark Noe: Greene County Sheriff Marcell Hendrix, Deputy Ollie Crosswhite, Deputy Wiley Mashburn, Springfield Police Chief Detective Tony Oliver, Detective Sidney Meadows and Officer Charley Houser. This incident became known as the Young Brothers Massacre.



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