



New Officers!

The Southern Shores Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of two new officers, W. Christopher (Chris) MacDonald and George M. Farrow.

Officer MacDonald comes to us after graduating from Basic Law Enforcement Training at College of the Albemarle in May 2012. He hails from Virginia Beach, VA and currently lives with his lovely wife in Kill Devil Hills.

Officer Farrow comes to us from the Kill Devil Hills Police Department. He has served in law enforcement since 1996 and is currently acting as a part-time investigator for Southern Shores filling the vacancy left by Officer Michael Torres. Officer Farrow is a native

of Dare County hailing from Hatteras, NC and currently lives in Currituck with his lovely wife and daughter.

We are fortunate to have these officers as members of the Southern Shores family. We know that they will continue to uphold the fine work ethic and values established by the Southern Shores Police Department.

Please say hello and introduce yourselves to Officers MacDonald and Farrow when you see them out and about and please welcome them to the Southern Shores Community. We feel sure that you will be as pleased as we are to have them here.



Officer W. C. MacDonald



Officer G. M. Farrow

Eat, Drink... and have a Designated Driver

The holiday season is upon us and as the saying goes, "Eat, drink and be merry!" The holidays will be happy for everyone if you remember to have a designated driver or be one yourself.

It's easy to get carried away with the spirit of the holiday season but it's best not to get carried away to

jail...or the morgue. Plan ahead when attending holiday functions and arrange for a designated driver, hire a taxi or plan for an overnight stay. If you and your friends will be tending many functions over the next few weeks, take turns as the designated driver for your group.

By the same token, if you are hosting a holiday get-together, watch out for your party goers and don't let someone who is clearly inebriated leave behind the wheel. Take keys at the door; call for taxis to be on hand or possibly clear a spot on the couch if necessary to keep a dangerous

driver off the road. Nothing will ruin your holiday faster than an accident or an arrest and a host can potentially be civilly liable for knowingly allowing a drunk driver to get on the road.

Law enforcement will be stepping up enforcement this time of year in anticipation of holidays. The 2012 Holiday "Booze It and Lose It" campaign will be held from December 7 until January 2, 2013. Please help make this year's numbers lower than ever. Have a safe and happy holiday!



Community Policing at Its Best



The Southern Shores Police Department is dedicated to enforcing the law and maintaining the public peace as well as helping to make the Southern Shores Community a safer and more pleasant place to live. We try to achieve this through community policing initiatives.

You will see our officers throughout the school year not only directing traffic but presenting themselves in the schools through educational programs like NetSmartz and participating in school events like the KHES Fall Festival. SSPD was there again this year offering child fingerprinting, games and a bike raffle. The bicycle was purchased by SSPD and

all proceeds from the raffle went to the school.

Chief David Kole and Sgt. Jon Slegel recently gave a presentation to the Lions Club about scams/fraud particularly those which affect seniors and also about gang awareness. Gangs are a relatively new problem in our community and may pose an even greater threat in the coming years. We have been relatively immune to this particular problem and blissfully ignorant of its presence. However, this cancer has reached the Outer Banks and we will do our best to fight the disease by educating the public of its existence.

If you are interested in more information on this or any of our community policing programs, please check out our website at www.tosspd.com or contact Sgt. Jon Slegel at 252-261-3331.

Community Watch

Interested in starting a Community Watch Program in your neighborhood?

Would you like to know how?

Contact Sgt. Jon Slegel at 252-261-3331 or email him at jslegel@southernshores-nc.gov to find out more.



Eddie McKeever is an Outstanding Officer



PO Eddie McKeever

Officer Eddie McKeever was recognized at the November 8 town council meeting and awarded the Sergeant Earl Murray Outstanding Officer Award by the Outer Banks Public Safety Auxiliary. The OBPSA awards this honor quarterly. Every department is asked to submit a nomination for the award which is then chosen by the OBPSA based on that officer's contributions to the public at large.

This year Officer McKeever was bestowed this honor "for his sacrifice, his

dedication, his calm cool collective demeanor and always having a smile on his face no matter the situation. " We believe the honor was richly deserved and congratulate Officer McKeever on his tireless dedication to Law Enforcement, the citizens of Southern Shores and Dare County.

Law Enforcement History

1895

Future President Theodore Roosevelt begins his three-year term of Police Commissioner in New York City.



Be Safe This Holiday Season!

With the holidays rapidly approaching, our thoughts turn to buying, giving and receiving gifts, visiting friends and family, and sharing delightful culinary experiences. However, there are others whose thoughts are occupied with unattended electronic/appliance-filled houses or apartments, distracted shoppers with extra cash in a purse or wallet, or the next “con job” in the name of Christmas charity.

Statistics show that crime usually increases during and after the holiday season and the reason is very simple. More people with more cash, gifts, gift cards, etc. are “out and about” which presents more opportunities for the criminal looking for an easy “score.” Of course, the happy shopper is rushing around, stressed out, absent-mindedly looking for last-minute gifts, and trying to get everything done in preparation for the holidays and holiday festivities. The happy shopper is not thinking about the person in the store or parking lot that has followed you and knows exactly where you keep your cash, what gift you may have just purchased, or where you parked your car. Even though the routine and structure of work, school, appointments, and meetings have altered somewhat, now is especially the time to be mindful of personal safety, online safety, and to practice crime prevention measures.

Here are just a few general tips to keep yourself and your property safe during and after the holiday season.

If you are traveling:

- Put an automatic timer on your lights
- Ask a neighbor to check up on your home
- Don't forget to have your mail and newspaper delivery stopped
- Sign up for email and text alert systems at your campus/local police departments to stay in touch if you may be away during the holidays

If you are out of the house:

- Turn on lights and music or the TV so it looks as if someone is home

- Be sure that your doors and windows are locked

- Don't display your gifts where they can be seen from the outside

- If you plan to have packages delivered to your home, make sure you are home to accept them. If not, as a neighbor or ask that the package be sent to the nearest post office

If you are shopping online:

- Shop with companies you know and trust. Check a company's background if you're not familiar with it.

- Be sure you or someone from your family or a trusted neighbor is home when a purchase is being delivered

If you are shopping at a mall or a store:

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you

- Park in a well-lighted space

- Be sure to lock your car, close windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible

- Call to cancel missing and stolen credit and debit cards immediately

- Make sure to complete warranty and/or product registration forms and mail them out as soon as possible since they may provide some kind of protection or replacement value if your property is stolen.

- Don't overburden yourself with packages

- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Carry a purse close to your body in the front. If you are carrying a wallet, place it in an inside coat or front pants pocket

- If shopping with kids, have a plan in case you get separated. For the older children, have a central meeting

spot designated. For the younger children teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated. Be sure they know your name (not just mommy and daddy), cell phone number, and their address. Go over the dangers of strangers with them so they know who not to talk to or follow

- Check receipts to see whether your full credit card number appears. If a receipt has your full number on it, take a pen and thoroughly scratch it out

- Double check that you have your credit cards and check book after you pay for your items. If a crime is committed, make sure to report it immediately. It is crucial to remember that even though the holidays are filled with lots of love and goodwill towards men, there are those who will look for opportunities to strike easy targets. The point of crime prevention is to make that as difficult for criminals as possible. Do not give a thief any chances this year. Practice safe crime prevention measures not only during and after the holidays, make them a habit for life.

Happy Holidays!

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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 partnership 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.

Statistics for November 2012

Incidents

Larceny - 3
Arson - 2
Fraud - 2
Criminal Damage - 2
Drug Violations - 1
Other - 13
Total - 23

Arrests

Larceny - 1
DWI - 1
Other - 8
Total - 10

Accidents - 2

Citations

Expired Registration - 4
No Insurance - 1
NOL - 2
Possess/Consume Alcohol - 1
Seat Belt - 2
Speeding - 1
Other - 10
Total - 21

Warnings

Drivers License Vio. - 1
Seat Belt - 1
Failure to Yield - 1
Inspection Vio. - 2
Left of Center - 3
Registration Vio. - 9

Stop Sign/Signal - 5
Unsafe Movement - 2
Total - 41

Ordinance Violations

Parking - 1
Total - 1

Calls For Service

Business Checks - 210
Residence Checks - 143
Traffic Stops - 64
Suspicious Condition - 22
Mutual Aid - 9
Alarms - 20
Direct Traffic - 34
Total - 794