

The Police Report



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Southern Shores, North Carolina



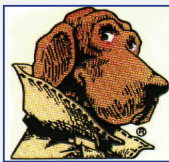
*from everyone at the
Southern Shores Police Department*

New Year Resolution

Resolve to keep your property safe this year by taking the time to record all of your valuables by writing down the make, model and serial numbers to all off your appliances and electronics as well as your keepsakes and other valuables. In the event of theft or fire, you will have an accurate record of what was taken and therefore have a better chance of having it recovered or replaced. Also mark your property via an engraving tool so that lost or stolen items may be easily identified. It's also a good idea to take pictures of your property, particularly those items which cannot be identified with a serial number such as jewelry or family heirlooms. Keep these records in a safe place such as a safe or safety deposit box. Being proactive is the best way to safeguard your home and your property. For assistance or more information, please call the Southern Shores Police Department, M-F, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm at 252-261-3331.

Crime Line

12/22/2009 - Breaking & Entering @ 222 Ocean Boulevard; an entry door was pried open and a tv was taken.



12/12/2009 - Breaking & Entering @ 22 Ocean View Loop; an entry door was kicked in and several bottles of alcohol were taken.

12/11/2009 - Breaking & Entering @ 89 Skyline Road; an exterior door was kicked in and a 42" Toshiba flat screen tv was taken.

If anyone has information regarding these incidents, please contact Officer Michael Torres or Officer Missy Clark at 252-261-3331. Or, if you wish to remain anonymous, you may contact the Dare County Crime Line at 252-473-3111.

Interesting Facts

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.



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Statistics 2009



Total Incidents	260
Assault.....	3
Breaking & Entering.....	60
Larceny.....	80
Damage to Property.....	53
Drug Violations.....	25
Fraud.....	12
Arrests	38
Assault.....	2
Breaking & Entering.....	1
Larceny.....	1
Damage to Property.....	1
Drug Violations.....	19
DWI.....	12

Citations	351
Speeding.....	120
Stop Sign / Light.....	34
Seat Belt.....	56
Warnings	298
Speeding.....	124
Equipment.....	54
Seat Belt.....	8
Other.....	112
Ordinance Violations	309
Parking.....	297
Accidents	29

(For more statistics, see the NC Uniform Crime Report.)

**BOOZE IT
& LOSE IT.**



Holiday Booze It & Lose It

December 28 - January 5

Remember, don't drink and drive. Have a designated driver this holiday season!



EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2009

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
SECTION 1. G.S. 20-137.3(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1) Additional technology. – Any technology that provides access to digital media such as including, but not limited to, a camera, electronic mail, music, the Internet, text messaging, or games.

SECTION 2. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-137.4A. Unlawful use of additional technology.

(a) Offense. – It shall be unlawful for any person to use additional technology, as defined in G.S. 20-137.3(a)(1), associated with any mobile phone, while operating a vehicle on a public street or highway or public vehicular area.

(b) Exceptions. – The provisions of the section shall not apply to any of the following while in the performance of their official duties: a law enforcement officer; a member of a fire department; or the operator of a public or private ambulance.

(c) Penalty. – A violation of this section shall be an infraction and shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and the cost of court. No driver's license points or insurance surcharge shall be assessed as a result of a violation of this section. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall not constitute negligence per se or contributory negligence by the operator in any action for the recovery of damages arising out of the operation, ownership, or maintenance of a vehicle."



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