



# Police Pages

## 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 [infpd@southernshores-nc.gov](mailto:infpd@southernshores-nc.gov). Thank you for your continued support of the Police Department and, as always, we look forward to hearing from you!



North Carolina law 20-135.2A says that each occupant of a motor vehicle manufactured with seat belts shall have a seatbelt properly fastened about his or her body at all times when the vehicle is in forward motion on a street or highway in this State. From May 21 through June 3, 2007, all law enforcement participating in the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program, "Click It or Ticket," will be looking to make sure that you do just that. Increased education and enforcement of the seat belt law will be in effect during these dates. So please, don't forget to buckle up!

## Southern Shores welcomes a new Officer!



**Officer Jeremy Hemilright**

The Southern Shores Police Department welcomes a new officer into its ranks, Officer Jeremy R. Hemilright. Jeremy

is a native of the Outer Banks and a longtime resident of Mann's Harbor. He brings to Southern Shores almost five years of law enforcement experience with a strong background in community policing with the Manteo Police Department. Jeremy is no stranger to law enforcement having one uncle who is a former Sheriff of Tyrell County and another uncle who was a Southern Shores Police Officer, Frankie Hemilright. We

are very pleased to have Jeremy on board and know that he will make an excellent addition to the department. Jeremy will be taking over Community Policing Zone One which was previously handled by Officer Dirk Lehman who recently left Southern Shores for Nash County. Please say hello to Officer Hemilright when you see him and welcome him to Southern Shores!

## Community Watch



Ask yourself, "What can I do to help make my community a safer place to live?" The answer is more simple than you think. Be a good neighbor. Knowing your neighbors and watching out for each other is a good place to start. Be aware of what is going on around you and when you see something that seems out of place, take note of the details. A more involved approach is to organize a Community Watch. A community coming together and acting as our eyes and ears are the best things that we, as law

enforcement, can ask of you. Interested in learning more? Contact your Community Police Officer and request some information. We will be glad to set up a presentation for you and a group to teach you the benefits of Community Watch and how you, as an individual, can make a difference. If you want to hear more, watch our newsletter for an opportunity to attend one of our presentations at a future Town Council Meeting. We hope to see you there!

## Notes from All Over...

- Southern Shores Officers will be participating in this year's mock accident scene put on at First Flight and Manteo High Schools on Thursday, April 26 and Friday April 27th as a deterrent against drinking and driving this Prom Weekend.
- Southern Shores Officers will be hosting a pizza luncheon for the 5th grade students at Kitty Hawk Elementary School that have attended NetSmartz presentations this school year. NetSmartz teaches kids about potential dangers while using the Internet.
- Sergeant Jon Slegel provided a Community Watch presentation Easter weekend for the Southern Shores Boat Club's April meeting at the Pitt Center. It was a great success.

# More Safety Tips for Seniors

Last month we offered some personal safety and crime prevention tips for senior citizens. Here are some more tips that may be particularly useful as warmer weather approaches...

## WATCH OUT FOR CON ARTISTS

- Don't fall for anything that sounds too good to be true—a free vacation; sweepstakes prizes; cures for cancer and arthritis; a low-risk, high-yield investment scheme.
- Never give your credit card, phone card, Social Security, or bank account number to anyone over the phone. It's illegal for telemarketers to ask for these numbers to verify a prize of a gift.
- Don't let anyone rush you into signing anything—an insurance policy, a sales agreement. A contract. Read it carefully and have someone you trust check it over.
- Beware of individuals claiming to represent companies, consumer organizations, or government agencies that offer to recover lost money from fraudulent

telemarketers for a fee.

- If you're suspicious, check it out with the police, the Better Business Bureau, or your local consumer protection office. You can also call the National Consumers League Fraud Information Center at 800-876-7060.

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT

- Do not give out personal information over the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you have initiated the contact or know with whom you're dealing.
- Shred discarded documents such as bank statements, pre-approved credit card offers, and insurance forms that contain financial information.
- Do not use your mother's maiden name, birth date, or last four digits of your social security number when creating a password.
- Never carry your social security card, birth certificate, or passport unless

necessary.

- Do not write your social security number on checks or give it out to businesses.
- Do not put your credit card number on the Internet unless it is encrypted on a secure site.
- If you order a new credit card, make sure it arrives within the appropriate time. Cancel all credit cards you have not used in the last six months.
- Order your credit report at least twice a year. Correct all mistakes with the credit bureau.

And as always, if you ever have any questions, concerns or suspicions, please do not hesitate to contact the Southern Shores Police Department at 252-261-3331. We are here for you!

**\*NOTE: The information found here is courtesy of the National Crime Prevention Council.**



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In our last news letter, we ask for suggestions on titles for our newsletter. We got a few good responses, but as always, we would like to hear feedback from you. Listed below are the suggestions we received. We would like to take a poll and see which suggestion you like the best.

- POLICE PRIDE
- SOUTHERN SANDY BEAT
- THE SAND BEAT
- SANDY BEAT REPORT
- HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS
- THE POLICE REPORT
- (current) POLICE PAGES
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know what you think by emailing us at [infopd@southernshores-nc.gov](mailto:infopd@southernshores-nc.gov). Thank you for all your input and we look forward to hearing from you!

