



National Police Week

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. Established by a [joint resolution of Congress in 1962](#), National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

National Police Week 2013 will be Sunday, May 12th through Saturday, May 18th.

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community. Principal organizers of National Police Week are:

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), which sponsors the annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Fraternal Order of Police/Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary (FOP/FOPA), which or-

ganize the Peace Officers Memorial Day Service at the U.S. Capitol.

Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), which holds the National Police Survivors' Conference.



National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial



The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is centered in the 400 block of E Street, NW, Washington, DC and is the nation's monument to law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Dedicated on October 15, 1991, the Memorial honors federal, state and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our nation and its people.

The Memorial features two curving, 304-foot-long blue-gray marble walls. Carved on these walls are the names of more than 19,000 officers who have been killed in the line of duty throughout U.S.

history, dating back to the first known death in 1791. Unlike many other memorials in Washington, DC, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is ever-changing: new names of fallen officers are added to the monument each spring, in conjunction with National Police Week.

Designed by architect Davis Buckley, the Memorial sits on three acres of federal park land in an area of Washington, DC called Judiciary Square, the historic seat of our nation's judicial branch of government. The Memorial's central plaza features an intricate paving pattern and a bronze medal-

lion with the Memorial Fund logo: a blue shield with a red rose draped across it.

In 2013, the names of 321 officers who died in the line of duty during the previous calendar year, as well as officers who were killed earlier in history but whose line-of-duty sacrifices only recently came to light, are being added to the Memorial.

The Unveiling Day ceremony is an event held each spring to symbolically commemorate the service and sacrifice of all of the men and women who have given their lives for the safety and protection of others.

Lock It Up!



Southern Shores is fortunate enough to be nestled in the heart of a family vacation mecca. The Outer Banks may be busy and bustling in the summer season but it is still largely isolated from the everyday world. As such, the crime rate is virtually non-existent when compared to a tourist area of the same type and size. However, that does not mean that crime does not exist here. We do have crime and most of that consists of crime of opportunity.

Gone are the days when you can run to the store and leave your front door unlocked. Gone are the times when you can go to a restaurant and leave your car doors unlocked. That is not indicative of the area in which we live; unfortunately, that is a sign of the times. That doesn't mean that you need to buy a safe for your valuables or to barricade yourself in your

house. It simply means that you need to be a little more vigilant about not giving criminals the freedom to shop in your home or your car.

How often do you travel to Wal-Mart or the grocery store and see cars parked with the windows rolled down? Is it hot outside? By all means, leave the windows cracked to let out the heat but don't leave them so far down that someone could get an arm inside. Most cars today have wireless key fobs to unlock the door(s) so take the time to lock them when you get out. It only takes a moment to hit that button and it could save you hours of aggravation.

If you leave your home for more than five minutes, lock the door. It takes no more time than that for someone to walk in the door and grab a wallet, television, cd player or other such

item. Criminals know that the summer season is prime opportunity to rake in the money by grabbing wallets, purses, cameras and personal electronic devices because people are out enjoying the beautiful weather. Rental homes are the prime targets but that doesn't exclude home owners. Do you have rental homes around or near you? Often criminals will hit several houses close together. You could be in the back yard doing yard work or simply enjoying the weather but if the front door is unlocked, you could receive an unknown visitor and never be the wiser.

The majority of property crimes could be prevented if we simply took the extra moment or two to lock it up. Whether it's your house, your car or your bike, secure it to keep it.

Law Enforcement History

1929

Federal Agent Eliot Ness begins his legendary law enforcement career and is picked to lead a group of agents nicknamed "The Untouchables": Marty Lahart, Sam Seager, Barney Cloonan, Lyle Chapman, Tom Friel, Joe Leeson, Paul Robsky, Mike King and Bill Gardner.



Honoring Our Fallen Officers



As always, National Police Officers Memorial Week is a somber time for all police officers. It is a reminder, albeit an important one, of the dangers we face very day that we put on that uniform and go to work.

Christopher Harrell started with the Southern Shores Police Department in October 1991. Chris was well liked by members of the department and the citizens of the town alike. Chris was a fine example of community policing at its best and an officer that was truly interested in helping the people that he served. Sadly, Chris was stricken with leukemia and succumbed to the illness in November of 1995.



Frankie Hemilright started with the Southern Shores Police Department in September of 1991. Frankie worked over 20 years in law enforcement most notably as the first policeman for the incorporated Town of Kitty Hawk. As a native of Dare County being born and raised in Mann's Harbor, Frankie's knowledge of the area and his law enforcement experience served the citizens and Town of Southern Shores well in his eight years of service with the department. Frankie's sense of fairness, down to earth approach and dry wit endeared him to all who knew him. And even those who may not have liked him certainly respected him.

Frankie's tour of duty ended on Janu-

ary 14, 2000. In the early morning hours of January 14th, a large fight involving 100 or more persons broke out in the parking lot of the Port O' Call Restaurant in Kill Devil Hills. The Kill Devil Hills Police Department requested mutual from all available units. Frankie responded to the call for help and checked on scene within 14 minutes of receiving the call. Unfortunately, Frankie was not able to get out of his patrol car as he had suffered a major heart attack. Saint Michael had come to take him home.



Thad Pledger started with the Southern Shores Police Department in July 21, 2000. Thad worked over 20 years in law enforcement to include 12 years with the Dare County Sheriff's Office and 4 years with the Currituck County Sheriff's Office. In 1991, Thad was honored with the Governor's Award for his job performance when the Herbert C. Bonner Bridge over Oregon Inlet was struck by a dredge during rough weather, causing part of it to collapse. Thad took the initiative at some personal risk to block the roadway to prevent traffic from driving onto the damaged bridge. Thad was also a native of Dare County being born and raised in Manteo. His knowledge of the area and his law enforcement experience on a county wide scale made him a valuable asset to the Southern Shores Police Department and a logical choice for Chief of

Police. Thad was promoted to Chief in 2001 and served in that capacity until his death. Thad's tour of duty ended on October 9, 2006.



A life in law enforcement is not easy. The hours are long, the work is hard and sometimes dangerous. The thanks are few and the complaints are many but the men and women who choose this profession, do it because they believe in it. They love it but it often doesn't love them back. The job is unpredictable and officers generally eat fast and eat poorly. The average officer is in a car the majority of their shift wearing 15-20 pounds of equipment which is hard on the body. Rotating shifts many times disrupt sleep patterns which affect overall health. As a result, law enforcement deaths often don't come from a bullet, a knife or a traffic accident. Therefore many law enforcement deaths are not recognized as "line-of-duty" deaths even though they are just as surely a result of the job.

This Month recognizes those officers that have fallen while doing there duty. But as we take a moment to remember and appreciate all that they have done for us, let us not forget those who have given their life to the job in other ways for they are equally deserving of our thanks.



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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 YTD for 2013

Incidents

Aggravated Assault - 1
B&E - 9
Larceny - 22
Simple Assault - 4
Forgery/Fraud - 5
Damage to Property - 12
Drug Violations - 18
DWI - 1
ABC Violations - 3
Trespassing - 1
Other - 24
Total - 104

Arrests

Burglary - 1
Larceny - 1
Simple Assault - 4
Fraud - 2
Drug Violations - 4
DWI - 2
Other - 8
Total - 22

Accidents - 9

Citations

Expired Registration - 20
No Insurance - 2
NOL/DWLR - 25
Possess/Consume Alcohol - 3
Seat Belt - 7
Speeding - 12
Stop Sign/Red Light - 8
Total - 138

Warnings

Drivers License Vio. - 5
Seat Belt - 5
Failure to Yield - 1
Inspection Vio. - 2
Left of Center - 6
Registration Vio. - 20
Stop Sign/Signal - 34
Unsafe Movement - 9
Speeding - 34
Total - 185

Ordinance Violations

Dogs at Large - 1
Parking - 7
Noise - 1
Total - 9

Calls For Service

Business Checks - 958
Residence Checks - 902
Foot Patrol - 125
Traffic Stops - 323
Suspicious Condition - 72
Mutual Aid - 34
Alarms - 75
Direct Traffic - 144
Total - 3,797