



# Police Pages

## Town of Southern Shores Police Department

**Welcome** back to the Southern Shores Police Pages Newsletter. The summer is almost gone and we are gearing down for a quiet winter (we hope.) But we never stop working to make a safer community. Check out what we have in store for you and please do not hesitate to call us at 252-261-3331 or e-mail us at [infopd@southernshores-nc.gov](mailto:infopd@southernshores-nc.gov) with questions or suggestions. Thank you for your continued support of the Police Department and, as always, we look forward to hearing from you!

### Did You Know?

#### § 14-129.2. Unlawful to take sea oats.

(a) It is unlawful to dig up, pull up, or take from the land of another or from any public domain the whole or any part of any Sea Oats (*Uniola paniculata*) without the consent of the owner of that land.

(b) Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.



### How To Make Your Home More Secure

The summer season is over and many of you will be closing your homes in Southern Shores for the winter months. Are you interested in knowing how you can make your home more secure while you are away? The Southern Shores Police Department has many programs to help you do just that. We have the means to help you record the contents of your home for safekeeping. We can vid-

eo tape the inside of your home, help you make a record of your belongings and even help you to mark items with your personal information. We can also help you to evaluate the security of your home and advise you on how to make it less likely to be a target of theft or burglary. We can also keep a check on your residence while you're gone to make sure all is secure. If you are interested in any of these programs, please contact your community police of-

ficer for more information...

Zone 1 — Officer Jeremy Hemilright; 255-8075

Zone 2 — Officer Missy Clark; 216-7519

Zone 3 — Officer Lora Gilreath; 216-7536

Zone 4 — Officer Mike Torres; 216-7528

Zone 5 — Officer Darrell Brickhouse; 216-7534

(\* Please see the March 2007 newsletter to see which zone you are in.)

### S. S. P. D. is in School!

The kids are back in school and S.S.P.D. will be right there with them. The children in our community are very important and we are working hard to help teach them to be safe. Our officers are at the school in the mornings and afternoons for traffic control and to make sure everyone is

watching out for the wees. You will also see our officers out there visiting with the students and we have already scheduled several days this school year to come into the classroom and present NetSmartz. NetSmartz is a program geared towards children to teach them about inter-

net safety. We are very excited about this program and hope you will be too. If you are interested in hearing more about NetSmartz or are interested in attending a class, please contact Sgt. Jon Slegel or Sgt. Dean McManus at 252-261-3331 for more information.



# The Southern Shores Police Department says...



## Smart trick-or-treating is

- Going trick-or-treating with friends and bringing along a grown-up.
- Using make-up instead of a mask so that you can see.
- Making a map of your trick-or-treat route for your parents.
- Staying in your own neighborhood.
- Not walking in the street. Stop, look, and listen at every corner.
- Showing respect for other people and their property.
- Not stopping at dark houses.
- Checking your treats with a parent before you eat them.
- Not going inside a stranger's house, no matter what.

## For the Parents

- Make sure your kids dress up safely
- Make sure costumes are flame-retardant so the little ones aren't in danger near burning jack-o-lanterns.

• Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.

• Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and they can obstruct a child's vision -- a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.

• Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.

## Make trick-or-treating trouble free

• Create map of safe trick-or-treat route.

• Trick-or-treaters should always be in groups so they aren't a tempting target for real-life goblins. Parents should accompany young children.

• Make sure older kids trick-or-treat with friends. Together, map out a safe route so you will know where they will be. Tell them to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.

• Try to get your kids to trick-or-treat while it's still light out. If it's dark, make sure someone has a flashlight and pick well-lighted streets.

• Make sure kids know never to enter a stranger's house or car.

• Keep a safe distance from moving cars.

## Treats

• It's hard for kids hold back from eating their treats until they get home. One way to keep trick-or-treaters from digging in while they're still out is to feed them a meal or a snack beforehand.

• Check out all candy in a well-lighted place when your trick-or-treater gets home.

• What to eat? Only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious. By all means, remind kids not to eat everything at once or they'll be feeling pretty ghoulish for awhile!

Halloween can be a lot of fun for parents and kids alike -- if everybody remembers the tricks and the treats of playing it safe.



## 2007 Annual Fall Carnival



The Kitty Hawk Elementary School will be hosting its annual Fall Carnival on Saturday October 13, 2007 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. The Southern Shores Police Department will be there with the help of the Duck Police Department to join in the fun. We will be offering Halloween trick-or-treat bags, glow sticks and handing out helpful Halloween safety tips. We will be do-

ing Child Identi-Kits so bring your children to be fingerprinted. Even if you did it last year, it's good idea to always have an updated kit on file. We will be hosting a bean bag toss with some really cool prizes and even be selling raffle tickets for a bicycle to help raise money for the school. It's going to



be a blast! Even McGruff, the Crime Dog, is going to be there. Come on out and meet McGruff and all the officers. There will be plenty of tricks and treats and fun for all. Support Kitty Hawk Elementary School and come to the 2007 Fall Carnival!



# In Memory Of



Chief T. A. "Thad" Pledger  
July 21, 2000—October 9, 2006

## Southern Shores Police Hard At Work

We had a busy summer but a productive one. Here's how the numbers stacked up from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend...

Reported Incidents—59  
Arrests—36  
Citations—488  
Warnings Citations —175  
Ordinance Violations—358  
Accidents—23  
Total Calls for Service—2,897

**Did these folks work hard or what?!?**

***Achieving Excellence  
Through Integrity***



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### ... from the desk of Chief David Kole

Summer has finally wound down, I would like to thank all of the employees of the police for the fine job they did this busy summer. We still have a lot of hard work to do and will continue to strive to make this a safe and enjoyably community. We are working to find funding through grants to purchase more cross walk signs and are looking at a particular style cross walk sign for the two concrete cross walk areas on Rt.12. We hope to have data from our traffic counters that we placed out this summer in various locations. With this data we will be able to better utilize our officer and traffic enforcement accordingly.

Sincerely,

*Chief David M. Kole*

