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Police Pages

Welcome to the new Police Pages! Sorry that we have been gone for so long but we have been working on giving the Pages a new look . We hope that you find our newsletter helpful and we welcome any comments or suggestions that you have for us. Please call us with questions or feedback at 252-261-3331 or email us at infopd@southernshores-nc.gov.

April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Increasing public awareness of the need to ensure the safety and welfare of children led to the passage of the first Federal child protection legislation, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), in 1974. While CAPTA has been amended many times over the years, most recently by the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the purpose of the original legislation remains intact. Today, the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the Federal agency charged with supporting States, Tribes, and communities in providing programs and services to protect children and strengthen families.

In the early 1980s, Congress made a further commitment to identifying and implementing solutions to child abuse. Recognizing the alarming rate at which children continued to be abused and neglected and the need for innovative programs to prevent child abuse and

assist parents and families affected by maltreatment, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives resolved that the week of June 6-12, 1982, should be designated as the first National Child Abuse Prevention Week. They asked the President to issue a proclamation calling upon Government agencies and the public to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

The following year, April was proclaimed the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Since then, child abuse and neglect awareness activities have been promoted across the country during April of each year. The Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) within the Children's Bureau coordinates Child Abuse Prevention Month, providing information and releasing updated national statistics about child abuse and neglect each April.

In 1989, the Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse had its early begin-

nings as a Virginia grandmother's tribute to her grandson who died as a result of abuse. She tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her car as a way to remember him and to alert her community to the tragedy of child abuse. The Blue Ribbon Campaign has since expanded across the country, and many wear blue ribbons each April in memory of those who have died as a result of child abuse. In other communities, special fundraisers are held to support prevention activities and treatment facilities for victims, and candlelight vigils are held as a remembrance. Most recently, the focus has shifted toward a more positive message of celebrating "blue ribbon" individuals, organizations, and communities who have done much to prevent child abuse and neglect.

In Title II of the CAPTA amendments of 1996, the Children's Bureau was charged with identifying a lead agency in each State

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§ 20-136.1.

Location of television viewers.

No person shall drive any motor vehicle equipped with any television viewer, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast which is located in the motor vehicle at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat, or which is visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle. (1949, c. 583, s. 4.)



Special points of interest:

- 2007 Town parking stickers are still valid until further notice.
- Seatbelt use is mandatory for all passengers of a motor vehicle in NC. Buckle Up!
- Beginning May 15th until September 15th, dogs will not be allowed on Southern Shores beaches.





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for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) grants. These grants support the development, operation, and expansion of initiatives to prevent child abuse and neglect, as well as the coordination of resources and activities to strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child maltreatment. CBCAP grantees within each State often take a leadership role in coordinating special events and preparing materials to support Child Abuse Prevention Month. Regardless of their role, CBCAP grantees are required to report annually on their Child Abuse Prevention Month activities.

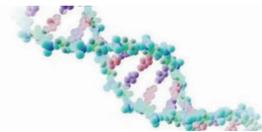
In 2003, as part of the 20th anniversary of the original Presidential Proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, OCAN recast the National Child Abuse Prevention Initiative as a year-long effort. This initiative was launched at the 14th National Con-

ference on Child Abuse and Neglect, which was devoted to the theme of prevention. A national press conference there was the setting for the release of the publication [*Emerging Practices in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect*](#).

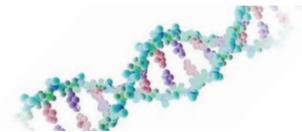
The expansion of the Child Abuse Prevention Initiative was consistent with priorities of the Administration for Children and Families and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. OCAN and Child Welfare Information Gateway (formerly, the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information) partnered with the broader child abuse prevention community to raise awareness of the issue through a variety of tools, resources, activities, and public awareness events. Many of these materials have been made available in print and on the web to related Federal agencies, organiza-

tions, and concerned citizens in communities nationwide.

In 2004, there was emerging consensus among national child abuse prevention organizations and related Federal agencies that building public will for child abuse prevention required engaging the public in efforts to strengthen and support families and enhance parenting skills. Building on this national momentum, OCAN shifted the focus of its child abuse prevention resources to incorporate a family strengthening message promoting parenting and community support. Today, the Child Abuse Prevention Initiative is an opportunity for communities across the country to keep children safe, provide the support families need to stay together, and raise children and youth to be happy, secure, and stable adults.



April 25th is DNA Day!



National DNA Day commemorates the successful completion of the Human Genome Project in 2003 and the discovery of DNA's double helix by James Watson and Francis Crick in 1953. This annual celebration offers students, teachers and the public many exciting opportunities to learn about the latest advances in genomic research and explore what they may mean for their lives. But what does that have to do with law enforcement?

DNA collection and analysis gives the criminal justice field a powerful tool for convicting the guilty and exonerating the innocent.

Only one-tenth of a single percent of DNA (about 3 million bases) differs from one person to the next. Scientists can use these variable regions to generate a DNA profile of an individual, using samples from blood, bone, hair, and other body tissues and products.

In criminal cases, this generally involves obtaining samples from crime-scene evidence and a suspect, extracting the DNA, and analyzing it for the presence of a set of specific DNA regions

(markers). If the sample profiles don't match, the person did not contribute the DNA at the crime scene. If the patterns match, the suspect may have contributed the evidence sample. DNA from crime scenes also can be compared to profiles stored in a database.

DNA is a powerful tool. DNA analysis is a powerful tool because each person's DNA is unique (with the exception of identical twins). Therefore, DNA evidence collected from a crime scene can implicate or eliminate a suspect, similar to the use of fingerprints. It also can analyze unidentified remains through comparisons with DNA from relatives. Additionally, when evidence from one crime scene is compared with evidence from another, those crime scenes can be linked to the same perpetrator locally, statewide, and nationally.

DNA is also a powerful tool because when biological evidence from crime scenes is collected and stored properly, forensically valuable DNA can be found on evidence that may be decades old. Therefore, old cases that were previously thought unsolvable may contain

valuable DNA evidence capable of identifying the perpetrator.

So what does all of this mean to you and how can you celebrate DNA Day? If you have children, you can help to prevent the worse from happening by bringing your child to the Southern Shores Police Department and having your child fingerprinted. The police department offers Child Identi-Kit which collects important identifying information about your child such as physical identifiers, medical information. DNA samples, a photograph and, of course, fingerprints. For more information, contact the Southern Shores Police Department at 252-261-3331 between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Happy DNA Day!



Internet Safety



Sgt Dean McManus teach the importance of internet safety with the help of NetSmartz at Kitty Hawk Elementary School. For more information about NetSmartz, go to www.netsmartz.org.



Beware of the Black Dollar

In recent months, new versions of the infamous Nigerian money and banking scams have come to the attention of the national news media. An [unfortunate incident](#) in a New York City condo last week provides an example of the latest variation: the Black Money Scam.

This is how the scam plays out.

First, a scammer will contact individuals via email with their story of their plight—which is always dire—in their country and ask them to provide an advance for fees and taxes to import a case of money into the United States in exchange for a large percentage of the money. They tell the intended victims that the money has been dyed black so that it can be imported and that they can purchase a cleaning solution for the money once the money is in the country. Many targets are quite naturally suspicious of this story, but

some are curious enough to pay the advance and ask to see the money. The scammer then shows the target the case full of currency-sized paper (which, in reality, is usually black construction paper) and will use sleight of hand with a “cleaning solution” to produce a clean bill.

However, the scammer doesn't bring enough solution to clean more than one bill and counts on victims to be gullible enough—and some are—to assume that the rest of the case is full of cash that has been dyed black. The scammer tells his target that he cannot pay the target his share of the money because taxes have not been paid, but once the black money is washed it will be used to pay the taxes. Next the scammer will inform the target that he needs more money to pay for the cleaning solution. In some cases the scammer will even set up a website for victims to purchase the cleaning solution, providing yet another opportunity to take advantage of vic-

tims who believe that the existence of a website adds credibility to the scammer's story. The scammer will continue to give the victim the run-around, asking for more money for fees, taxes, and other charges. This will continue until the victim realizes that he or she is being scammed or refuses to give any more money.

These crimes often go unreported to law enforcement or are reported too late for anything to be done about them. By the time the authorities find out, the scammer is long gone with the victim's money. If you receive an email from someone offering a percentage of money if you help them export it, it's likely to be a scam. Don't respond and report the email address to your Internet Service Provider and law enforcement. If the email address is caught early, it's possible that action can be taken. Be aware of these scams and don't fall victim to these heartless people. And remember: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



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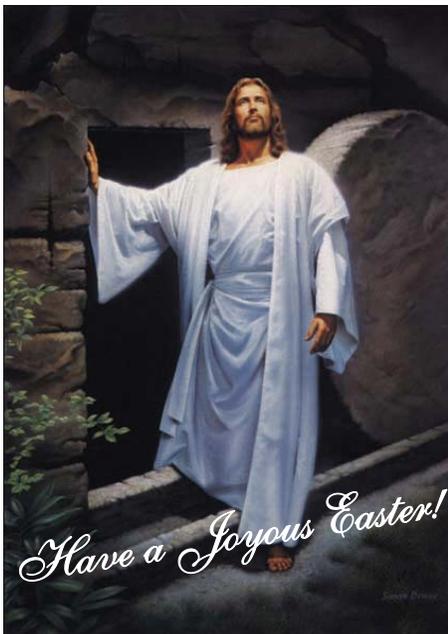
Another summer is quickly approaching; Officers have been working hard over the winter attending numerous training and certification classes in an effort to be better trained and equipped. We will again concentrate our efforts on traffic issues throughout the summer. Our goal is to keep our residents and visitors as safe as possible. Having said that please be cautious and keep in mind with the warmer weather, more folks, including our children, will be playing, riding bikes and enjoying the outdoors.

We have completed our 2008 annual police report, if you would like a copy just stop by the police department and pick one up.

Sincerely,

David M. Kole
Chief of Police

The Battle of Good Against Evil



The Archangel Michael is known as the Patron Saint of police officers but do you know why? The story of Saint Michael says that God called upon him to lead an army of Angels against the forces of Lucifer who wanted to wage war against the Heavens. Saint Michael and his Angels fought Lucifer and won. Saint Michael is Heaven's special protector.

Pontiff Leo XIII wrote the following prayer: *St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Police Officers wage the same war against evil here on earth that Saint Michael does in heaven. Is it any wonder that he is named as our Patron Saint?

