



# Police Pages

*Town of Southern Shores Police Department*

**Welcome** back to the Southern Shores Police Pages Newsletter. Sorry we missed you in August but it has been a busy summer. We hope you have found the newsletter helpful and if you have any questions about something you have seen in the newsletter or suggestions for a future issue, 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). Thank you for your continued support of the Police Department and, as always, we look forward to hearing from you!



The latest Booze It and Lose It campaign is under way. It began on August 17th and runs through September 3rd. You will be seeing checkpoints during this time to look for drunk drivers but there will be increased enforcement of other traffic laws as well. Enjoy the summer because it's almost over but please don't drink and drive and always remember to buckle up!

## Welcome our newest Patrol Officer!

The Southern Shores Police Department is proud to announce the addition of our newest Patrol Officer Lora Gilreath. Officer Gilreath is a native of North Carolina and was raised in Duplin County. She has a B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina in Political Science and Recreation Administration. Officer Gilreath has been in law

enforcement since 2005 and worked previously as a Park Ranger for the North Carolina Park Service. We are thrilled to have her on board and know she will be a great asset to the Town of Southern Shores! With the addition of Officer Gilreath, the Police Department is now fully staffed. Please stop her when you see and her and introduce yourself.



Officer Lora Gilreath



## It's Time For School!

The summer season is almost done and once again it's time to hit the books. School's back in session! Dare County Schools begin on Monday, August 27, 2007. As always, the first day of school will be a little hectic for everyone particularly for those who are just beginning. Traffic will be heavy so please be careful and please be patient. Things will settle down in a few days and the usual routine will

commence. Our officers will be out to assist with traffic but keep in mind, they can only do so much. You can greatly assist them by paying attention to their directions and once again, please BE PATIENT! Be particularly mindful of pedestrians and bicycles. For all of the news regarding Dare County Schools tune in to channel 19 if you have cable TV or go to their website at [www.dare.k12.nc.us](http://www.dare.k12.nc.us). If

you are dropping your child off at school, please park outside of the travel lanes so that traffic can move as smoothly as possible. Please be as quick and courteous as there will be many parents there all trying to do the same thing. If we all work together, we can start this school year out right. Be careful out there, have a great first day of school and welcome back!





# Stop For School Buses!



**§ 20-217. Motor vehicles to stop for properly marked and designated school buses in certain instances; evidence of identity of driver.**

(a) When a school bus is displaying its mechanical stop signal or flashing red lights and the bus is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers, the driver of any other vehicle that approaches the school bus from any direction on the same street, highway, or public vehicular area shall bring that other vehicle to a full stop and shall remain stopped. The driver of the other vehicle shall not proceed to move, pass, or attempt to pass the school bus until after the mechanical stop signal has been withdrawn, the flashing red stoplights have been turned off, and the bus has started to move.

(b) For the purpose of this section, a school bus includes a public school bus transporting children or school personnel, a public school bus transporting senior citizens un-

der G.S. 115C-243, or a privately owned bus transporting children. This section applies only in the event the school bus bears upon the front and rear a plainly visible sign containing the words "school bus."

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the driver of a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction from the school bus, upon any road, highway or city street that has been divided into two roadways, so constructed as to separate vehicular traffic between the two roadways by an intervening space (including a center lane for left turns if the roadway consists of at least four more lanes) or by a physical barrier, need not stop upon meeting and passing any school bus that has stopped in the roadway across the dividing space or physical barrier.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any school bus driver to stop and receive or discharge passengers or for any principal or superintendent of any school, routing a school bus, to authorize the driver

of any school bus to stop and receive or discharge passengers upon any roadway described by subsection (c) of this section where passengers would be required to cross the roadway to reach their destination or to board the bus; provided, that passengers may be discharged or received at points where pedestrians and vehicular traffic are controlled by adequate stop-and-go traffic signals.

(e) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, any person violating this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall not receive a prayer for judgment continued under any circumstances.

(f) Expired.

(g) Any person who willfully violates subsection (a) of this section and strikes any person causing serious bodily injury to that person shall be guilty of a Class I felony.

**1 Two-lane roadway:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

**2 Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

**3 Four-lane roadway without a median separation:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

**4 Divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.

**5 Roadway of four lanes or more with a center turning lane:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.

**Report of violation of School Bus Law** (G. S. 20-217)

**STOP...It's the Law**

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We are in the middle of hurricane season and while we have been very lucky this summer in terms of storms, it's always best to prepare for the worst. The Dare County Emergency Management has some very valuable tools for hurricane preparedness which can be found at <http://www.darenc.com/EmgyMgmt/index.htm>. In the meantime, here's a helpful tip...

## **Emergency Preparedness Kit**

The best time to assemble a three to seven-day emergency supply kit is well before you will ever need it. Most people already have these items around the house and it is a matter of assembling them now before an evacuation order is issued.

Start with an easy to carry, water tight container - a large plastic storage container will do, or line a sturdy cardboard box with a couple of trash bags.

Stocking up now on emergency supplies can add to your family's safety and comfort during and after a disaster. Store enough supplies for at least three days, preferably seven days, in one place.

### **Essentials:**

- Water - 1 gallon per person per day (a week's supply of water is preferable)
- Water purification kit or bleach
- First aid kit and first aid book
- Pre-cooked, non-perishable foods, such as canned

- meats, granola bars, instant soup & cereals, etc.
- Baby supplies: formula, bottle, pacifier, soap, baby powder, clothing, blankets, baby wipes, disposable diapers, canned food and juices
- Non-electric can opener
- Anti-bacterial hand wipes or gel
- Blanket or sleeping bag per person
- Portable radio or portable TV and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Essential medications
- Extra pair of eyeglasses
- Extra house and car keys
- Fire extinguisher - ABC-type
- Food, water, leash and carrier for pets
- Cash and change
- Seasonal change of clothing, including sturdy shoes

### **Sanitation supplies:**

- Large plastic trash bags for waste, tarps and rain ponchos
- Large trash cans
- Bar soap, shampoo and liquid detergent
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- Toilet paper
- Household bleach
- Rubber gloves

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

Well, it won't be long now, traffic should start to subside. Having said that please remember a new school year will start in just a few days, so please watch out for our school children. We also ask that you obey the school zones as posted. This is my first full summer in this position and it has been a busy one. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of the officers and employees of the Town of Southern Shores, and a special thanks to the Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department. Because of their dedication and hard work, I truly believe we made this a very safe and enjoyable summer for both our residence and those visiting. I would also like to thank both of the civic associations for all the help they have provided. I look forward to building an even better working relationship in the coming years.

Sincerely,

*Chief David M. Kole*

