



The Police Report

Lots of Changes at SSPD!

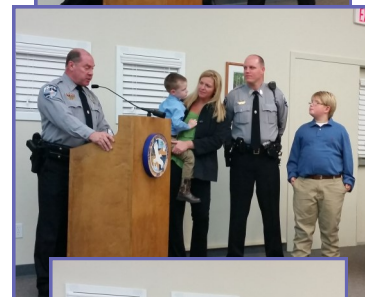
Well, we're back! Sorry we missed out on the 1st newsletter of the year but we've been really busy with lots of changes here at the Southern Shores Police Department.

For those of you who don't know, Lt. Paul Terry retired from Southern Shores in October 2014 with almost 14 years of service with the Town and 30 years of service in law enforcement.

Subsequently, Sgt. Jonathan Slegel was promoted to Lieutenant and serves as second in command to the Chief of Police. Sgt. Brad Eilert

was then promoted to First Sergeant and Officer Matt Cooke was promoted to Sergeant. Both sergeants oversee the patrol staff and serve as investigators for the department. We are proud and honored to have so many members of our current staff that have been able to step up and take charge and continue to provide a high level of service to the Town of Southern Shores and its citizens.

Congratulations to Lt. Slegel, First Sergeant Eilert and Sgt. Cooke for your continued success and thank you for your dedicated service!



Our New Officers

Included in the latest changes are two new patrol officers: Michael Theetge (pronounced Thet-gee) and Eric Brinkley.

Officer Theetge is a native of Horseheads, NY. He is a 4 year veteran of the Chemung County Sheriff's Office. Theetge is a graduate of Binghamton University with a BS degree in Political Science. Officer Theetge is an intelligent and dedicated professional and will be a true asset to our department.

Officer Brinkley is a native of Currituck County and an 11+ year veteran of the Currituck County Sheriff's Of-

fice. Having lived his whole life in the immediate area, in addition to his ample training and experience, make him a valuable asset and we are happy to have him.

Both Officers Theetge and Brinkley bring a wide and varied experience to the De-



Mike Theetge



Eric Brinkley

partment and the Town. They are perfect compliments to the well rounded staff that we currently have. Congratulations Mike and Eric and welcome to Southern Shores!

We Have a School Resource Officer!

Kitty Hawk Elementary School and the Southern Shores Police Department have a reason to celebrate - a School Resource Officer. Up until now, KHES has not had the privilege of having a school resource officer as many of the other school in Dare County have. And while other school resource officers are provided by the County, Southern Shores Police Department wanted the honor of fulfilling that role for the school in our jurisdiction.

Chief Kole applied for and received a COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant from US Department of Justice. The position is largely funded for 3 years after which time the Town takes over. The grant helps cover the costs of salary, equipment and training.

Officer Tracy Mann was granted the position of School Resource Officer. Officer Mann has been with the Southern Shores Police Department for approximately 4.5 years but wanted to take this opportunity to make a difference from a proactive position rather than a reactive one.

Tracy began her duties as SRO in early January 2015 and started by shadowing Officer Lora Gilreath who is with the Nags Head Police Department and an SRO for Nags Head Elementary School. Incidentally, Officer Gilreath is also a former employee of the South-

ern Shores Police Department. What makes Officers like Gilreath and Mann particularly effective in the role of SRO is the great rapport that they have with the children. While school resource officers are not typically assigned to elementary schools, we are taking the opportunity to teach children at an earlier age about the law, right and wrong and respect for authority.

In her duties as School Resource Officer, Mann will act as security officer and teacher. She will be teaching formalized classes on things such as internet safety, anti-bullying, gun safety and the D.A.R.E program. Officer Mann is already a certified law enforcement instructor and will continue to receive education on how to best impart her knowledge to a younger generation. In addition, Officer Mann will provide a valuable resource for parents and teachers alike as well as handling any law enforcement related issues that take place on school grounds.

In the summer season when school is out, Officer Mann will resume her duties as a Southern Shores patrol officer as that remains her primary function. We are happy to have Officer Mann as out liaison in the school system and congratulate her on her groundbreaking efforts here in Southern Shores.



Officer Mann participates in "Read Across America in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday.



IT! The majority of our property crimes and crimes of opportunity. That means that someone has generally left something of value unattended and unsecured. Please don't make it easy for the criminals. Enjoy the sunshine and the fresh air but when you aren't there -

LOCK IT UP!

2015 Soap Box Derby



In February 2015, Cub Scout Pack 117 of Kitty Hawk held their annual Soap Box Derby Race on East Dogwood in Southern Shores. East Dogwood made the perfect spot for the Derby because of the nice smooth incline which is needed to help power the cars. The Southern Shores Police Department and the Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department were on hand to block off a portion of the road for the race and to make sure that everyone stayed safe. The TOSSPD enjoys working with community oriented organizations like the Cub Scouts that helps to strengthen the body, mind and souls of future generations! A great time was had by everyone. Congratulations to the winners and to all the participants. Way to go Cub Scout Pack 117!



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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.

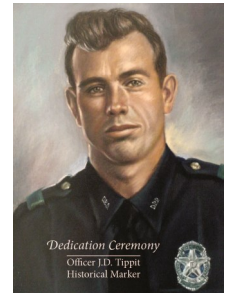
We are committed to making sure that with each contact with the public, we treat each person with dignity and a sense of professionalism.

We are committed to excellence in all professional endeavors, maintaining high ethics, and striving to be the best in all we do.

Law Enforcement History

November 22, 1963

Dallas Police Officer J.D. Tippit is shot and killed by Lee Harvey Oswald after Oswald assassinates President John F. Kennedy.



If you have a rental home, please feel free to print a copy of this newsletter and display it in your home. This is valuable information that renters and guests need to know, particularly first time visitors. Thank you!