



Police Pages



Town of Southern Shores Police Department

Welcome back to the Southern Shores Police Pages Newsletter. The Turkey has been eaten and now it's time to get ready for Santa to arrive. We hope that you have a safe and happy holiday season. Please do not hesitate to call us at 252-261-3331 or e-mail us at infopd@southernshores-nc.gov with questions, suggestions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support of the Police Department and, as always, we look forward to hearing from you!

BOOZE IT & LOSE IT.



The "Booze It & Lose It" campaign zeros in on drunken drivers with innovative and extensive anti-driving while impaired (DWI) enforcement and education. Sobriety checkpoints are continually set up in all North Carolina counties as part of the state's highly effective anti-drunk driving campaign.

Watch for law enforcement to be out in full force from November 30 until January 2 for the duration of the holiday season when incidents of DWI are at their highest.

Help keep our road safe this holiday. **Please don't drink and drive!**

Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving.

This holiday season, don't let your year end in an arrest—or even worse, death. Make smart decisions. Plan ahead, so you can assure a safe way home. Whether you've had way too many or just one too many, it's not worth the risk.

Remember, Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving. Whether you've had way too many or just one too many, it's not worth the risk. Don't ever get behind a wheel of a vehicle when you are impaired.

For more information, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org.

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FACTS

* In 2006, 42,642 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes. Out of that number 13,470 people were killed in traffic crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcyclists with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

* It is illegal in every state to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

* One half of all alcohol-involved drivers and motorcyclists had BACs equal to or higher than twice the illegal per se level in all States and the District of Columbia.

* In December of 2006, 1,076 people were killed in traffic crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcyclists with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

* 664 of those fatalities were drivers or motorcyclists whose BACs were .08 and above.

* This Holiday season, law enforcement will be cracking

down on drunk drivers with zero tolerance.

Drunk Driving Prevention

Following these easy steps, a driver can enjoy a safe and festive holiday without jeopardizing their life and the lives of the others who may be on the road.

✦ Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin;

✦ Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and give that person your keys;

If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely;

✦ If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact your local law enforcement;

And remember, if you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

Since 1981, every President of the United States has demonstrated the commitment to preventing impaired driving by proclaiming December as National Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

Impaired Driving Creates Serious Consequences



The tragedies and costs from driving impaired do not just end at the potential death and injury caused by impaired drivers.

Driving or riding a motorcycle while impaired is not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant.

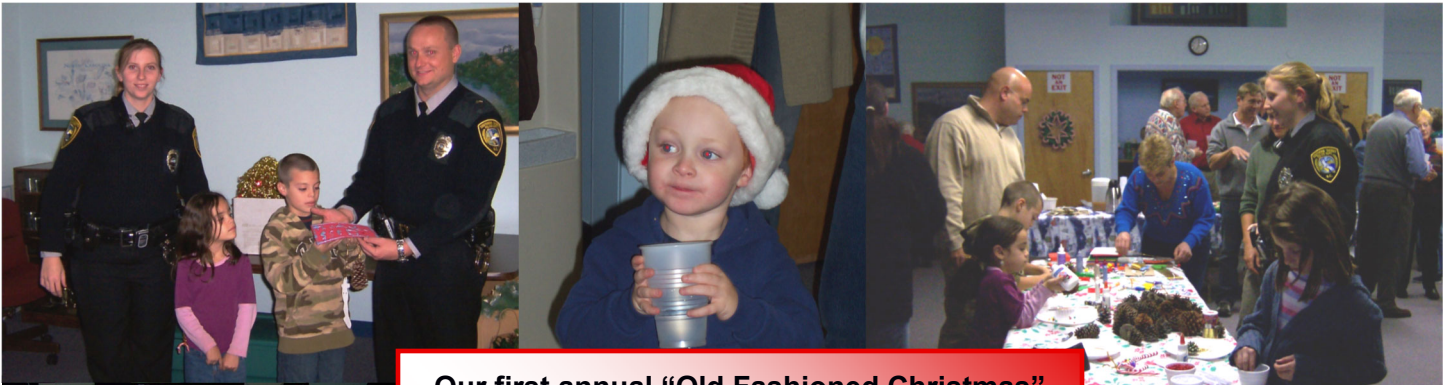
Drunk driving violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses ranging from attorney fees, court costs, car towing and repairs, and lost wages due to time off from work.

Refusing to take a sobriety test in many jurisdictions may result in the loss of your license on the spot and the impoundment of your vehicle. Not to mention the added embarrassment, humiliation, and consequences after informing family, friends and employers.





Old Fashioned Christmas



Our first annual "Old Fashioned Christmas" took place at the Pitts Center on December 1, 2007. It was a success! The children came and made ornaments while the adults decorated the community tree. Everyone indulged in some delicious Christmas cookies, hot chocolate and apple cider. Santa even took time out of his busy schedule to make an appearance, sit by our "virtual" fireplace and read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to the kids. This was truly a community gathering worthy of an annual tradition and we hope to repeat the festivities next year. The Southern Shores Police Department extends its appreciation and sincere thanks to the Food Lion, Walmart and Rite-Aid for their generous contributions which helped to make this event a success. We also thank Officer Lora Gilreath for organizing this event. She did a superb job! Here's hoping that everyone has a Merry Christmas and a bright New Year!



"A Cop's Christmas Prayer"



Dedicated to all those who give up so much, that others may enjoy peace and security during Christmas and all holiday seasons, and to my family and friends who have stood by me and given me strength and courage to go on.

*Christmas morn comes early,
For the Cop out on his beat.
His family home around the tree
As he cruises a lonely street.*

*The sound of tearing paper,
The glow in his young child's eye,
The merry toast his Father made
That Christmas fore he died.*

*The scattered toys that lay beneath
The tree as it starts to shed,
These are the thoughts that give him pause,
As he bowed his head and said,*

*Father, faithfully I have tried to protect
My fellow man this year.
My Christmas wish, keep safe my own,*

For I can not always be near.

*Grant me the strength I'll need this day
To complete what ever the task,
Keep safe this lowly servant Lord,
Is all my family would ask.*

*As I travel down many lonely roads,
While over my beat I roam,
Please help me show my brother
That he stands not all alone.*

*He raised his head to check his runs
As a thought began to grow,
A Child was born this blessed day
Those many years ago,*

*He fought a righteous battle
As he traveled land and sea.
He too had come to protect and serve
His brother, just like me.*

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. . . from the desk of Chief David Kole

I would like to wish all a **Happy** and **Safe Holiday Season** as it quickly approaches. I would like to thank Officer Lora Gilreath for her inspiration and hard work in putting together our first "Old Fashion Christmas" at the Pitt Center, it was a great success, and allowed both children and adults the opportunity to meet some of our police officers, Santa was a big hit with the children, actually I think I saw some adults trying to budge in line to ensure Santa received their Christmas wish as well. I would also like to thank police administrative assistant Jennifer Couture for decorating the police department for the holidays. Martha Stewart would be proud!!!

As the "New Year" approaches we continue to work on numerous community policing projects to better enhance a working relationship with our community. We are working on pedestrian cross walk safety which will include adding some new signage in key locations, once approved by NCDOT. We will also be participating in the Southern Shores Boat Club holiday boat parade this month. We look forward to working with the community in 2008. Thank You.

Chief David M. Kole

