



Police Pages

Southern Shores, North Carolina



Welcome back to the Southern Shores Police Pages Newsletter. We are combining newsletters for February and March as things have been quiet but we are still very busy getting ready for another season. Nevertheless, 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!

THE HIDDEN CRIME **Domestic Violence**



One out of every four women in this country will suffer some kind of violence at the hands of her husband or boyfriend.

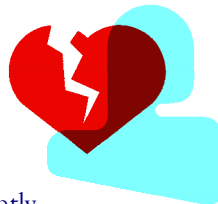
Very few will tell anyone—not a friend, a relative, a neighbor or the police.

Victims of domestic violence come from all walks of life—all cultures, all income groups, all ages, all religions. They share feelings of helplessness, isolation, guilt, fear and shame.

All hope it won't happen again, but often it does.

ARE YOU ABUSED? DOES THE PERSON YOU LOVE...

• "Track you all the time?"



• Constantly accuse you of being unfaithful?

• Discourage your relationships with family and friends?

• Prevent you from working or attending school?

• Criticize you for little things?

• Anger easily when drinking or on drugs?

• Control all finances and force you to account in detail for what you spend?

• Humiliate you in front of others?

• Destroy personal property or sentimental items?

• Hit, punch, slap, kick or bite you or the children?

• Use or threaten to use a weapon against you?

• Threaten to hurt you or the children?

• Force you to have sex against your will?

If you find yourself saying yes, it's time to get help.

IF YOU ARE HURT, WHAT CAN YOU DO?

There are no easy answers, but there are things you can do to protect yourself.

• Call the police or sheriff. Assault, even by family members, is a crime. The police often have information about shelters and other agencies that help victims of



domestic violence.

• Leave, or have someone come and stay with you.

Go to a battered women's shelter—call a crisis hotline in your community or a health center to locate a shelter. If you believe that you, and your children, are in danger—leave immediately.

• Get medical attention from your doctor or a hospital emergency room. Ask the staff to photograph your

injuries and keep detailed records in case you decide to take legal action.

• Contact your family court for information about a civil protection order that does not involve criminal charges or penalties.

DON'T IGNORE THE PROBLEM

• Talk to



someone. Part of the abuser's power comes from secrecy. Victims are often ashamed to let anyone know about intimate family problems. Go to a friend or neighbor or call a domestic violence hotline to talk to a counselor.

• Plan ahead and know what you will do if you are attacked again. If you decide to leave, choose a place to go; set aside some money. Put important papers together—marriage license, birth certificates, check books—in a place where you can get them quickly.

HAVE YOU HURT SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY?



- Accept the fact that your violent behavior will destroy your family. Be aware that you break the law when you physically hurt someone.
- Take responsibility for your actions and get help.
- When you feel tension building, get away. Work off the angry energy through a walk, a project or a sport.
- Call a domestic violence hotline or health center and ask about counseling and support groups for people who batter.

THE HIGH COST OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Men and women who follow their

parents' example and use violence to solve conflicts are teaching the same destructive behavior to their children.

- Jobs can be lost or careers stalled because of injuries, arrests or harassments.
- Lives are lost when violence results in death.



TAKE A STAND!

- Reach out to someone you believe is a victim of family violence or to someone you think is being abusive. Don't give up easily—change takes time. Ending the

family's isolation is a critical first step.

- Urge organizations and businesses to raise community awareness by hosting speakers on domestic violence, launching public education campaigns and raising funds for shelters and hotlines.
- Ask the local newspaper, radio station, or television station to examine the problem and publicize resources in the community through special features and forums.
- Form coalitions or "watchdog" groups to monitor the response of local law enforcement agencies and courts. Offer praise where appropriate and demand reform when necessary.
- Most communities offer resources for victims of family violence. Check your telephone directory or ask a law enforcement agency.

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TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME

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Domestic Violence Services in Dare Coun-

Law Enforcement

911

For all other calls requiring emergency services (police, fire EMS) please contact **Dare Central Communications (Non-Emergency): 252-473-3444**

Dare County Sheriff's Office:
252-475-5980

Manteo Police Department:
252-473-2069

Nags Head Police Department:
252-441-6386

Kill Devil Hills Police Department:

252-449-5337

Kitty Hawk Police Department:
252-261-3895

Southern Shores Police Department:
252-261-3331

Duck Police Department:
252-261-1112

County Services

Clerk of Court: 252-475-9100

Health Department: 252-475-5002

Magistrate: 252-473-2010

Social Services: 252-475-5500

Other Resources

Outer Banks HOTLINE
Crisis Line: 252-473-3366
Office: 252-473-5121

Outer Banks Hospital:
252-449-4500 or Toll Free:
877-359-9179

Regional Medical Center:
252-261-9000



Did You Know...?



The Shamrock Car Show hosted by First Flight Cruisers, the premier car, truck and bike club on the Outer Banks, along with many local businesses on March 15th, 2008 at Kelly's Outer Banks Restaurant and Tavern, MP 10, Nags Head and the Southern Shores Police Department will be there! Please come and support our department as we present the best looking and most professional police cruiser in the Outer Banks. Registration begins at 8:30 am, judging begins at 11:30 am and awards will be presented at 2:00 pm. It will be a lot of fun and best of all, it's FREE!

Hope to see you there!

For more information go to www.kellysrestaurant.com



19th Annual Kelly's St. Patrick's Day Parade Sunday, March 16th

1 pm

MP 11.25-10.25



Don't Forget...

Southern Shores Town offices will be closed on Monday February 18th for President's Day and Friday March 21st for Good Friday!



Happy Easter



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Through Integrity*

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... Just a reminder!

Don't Forget to Scoop Your Poop!

The Town of Southern Shores has an ordinance, Sec. 6-91, that says:

"Each and every person, owner, keeper or custodian of any dog shall immediately remove all feces deposited by the dog they are accompanying. The removal of feces shall be accomplished by depositing such feces in a sanitary container. **Burying feces in the sand or depositing in any body of water is prohibited and constitutes a violation of this chapter.**"

Violation of this ordinance may result in a \$50.00 fine. There have been numerous complaints made to the police department about regular violations of this ordinance particularly next to bodies of water. Be kind to your neighbors and clean up after your dogs on all properties that are not your own.

