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*Southern Shores  
Police Department*

**Welcome** back to the Southern Shores Police Pages Newsletter and Happy New Year! We hope that you had a safe and happy holiday season. **2008** has arrived and brought with it new opportunities for us to build a better community. 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) 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!

## **Did you Know?**

Effective January 1, 2008 all operators and passengers on motorcycles and mopeds must wear a motorcycle safety helmet of a type that complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218.

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

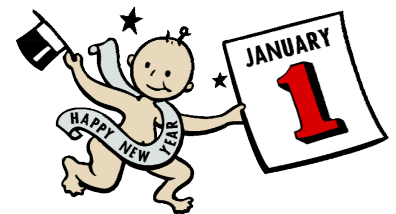
## Goodbye 2007, Hello 2008!

2007 was a busy year for the Southern Shores Police Department. As always, we are seeing lots of changes and most of them good. The department saw a new Chief of Police sworn in as well as the addition of several new officers to the roster. We are now full staff and hope to stay that way. We, unfortunately, lost our Chaplain, David Clift as he moved on to new challenges of his own. Hopefully, this year will bring us a new Chaplain as we can always use a little of the Good Lord on our side. As we have sought to

overcome tragedy within our ranks, we have pulled together and tried to bring the citizens of Southern Shores a higher level of service. We have implemented some new community policing strategies as well as continued to offer many of the same programs that have been in place for some time. We have also tried to educate the public on what we do and somewhat lift the veil of mystery that sometimes surrounds law enforcement. As always, our fundamental purpose has been equitable en-

forcement of the law and the safety and security of our citizens. In 2007, the Southern Shores Police Department responded to 10,213 calls for service. The highest number of calls came from the officers themselves conducting security checks of residences and businesses in order to maintain a proactive vigilance. We investigated 173 cases, made 57 arrests (23 DWIs), wrote 761 citations (209 of which were for speeding), 434 warning tickets and 437 ordinance violations. Additionally we investigated 44 accidents

most of which were minor hopefully due to our tireless traffic enforcement efforts. In all, 2007 was a successful and productive year. We hope to continue on that venue in the new year as we look to strengthen our growing bond with the community. We can't do it without you. Help us to make 2008 a great year!



**Did you see us in the Boat Parade? For more pictures check out the Town website at [www.southernshores-nc.gov](http://www.southernshores-nc.gov).**

# Winterizing Your Home

It's a good idea to winterize your home to save energy and to save yourself a headache for those homes that are not occupied during the winter months. Here are a few tips on how to get your home ready for the cold weather...

## Winterizing Your Home - Interior

- Check your heating system and have it service by a qualified technician. - *Remember to change out the filters in your furnace according to the instruction in the manual.*
- Clean the dryer exhaust duct and heating vents - *Cleaning out your dryer vent prevents lint from building up and therefore decreases the risk for a fire.*
- Inspect the washing machine hoses - *If they begin to look frayed it is best to replace them now to prevent leaks and water damage to your home.*
- Check your smoke detectors & replace batteries - *Make sure you know how to replace the batteries and how to reconnect your smoke detector. It is generally best to replace these batteries annually.*
- Locate all water shut off valves - *In freezing temperatures it is a good idea to let your faucets drip a little to keep them from freezing.*
- Review safe fireplace operation located in the manufacturer's operation guide.
- Check garage overhead door and service per the instructions in the manufacturer's manual. - *Learn how to manually operate your garage door in case of a power failure*

## Winterizing Your Home - Exterior

- Disconnect all hoses from the faucets - *"Frost free" faucets can cause a broken water line if the water in the hose freezes and expands into the pipe*
- Drain the hose bibs & your sprinkler system
- Install insulation covers on all exterior faucets - Available at any hardware store - *During freezing temperatures, if the hose bibs / faucets are exposed you can run the risk of freezing pipes.*
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed - *During severe wind and rainstorms the wind can blow so hard that weak and smaller tree limbs can break off and be hurled at your home at great speeds, causing damage to your home when they hit.*
- Clean the roof and gutters - *Gutters that are too full of debris can back up and eventually cause a leak into your home. It is best to make sure that the gutters and downspouts are free of debris.*
- Check for roof leaks
- Check the flashing and vents for warps or holes.
- Learn where the water shut off valves are located & how to turn them off
- Check the caulking around windows and doors
- Replace weather stripping if needed
- Clear the yard drains

# Tips for SAFE WINTER DRIVING

*The Three P's of Safe Winter Driving:*

- PREPARE** for the trip;
- PROTECT** yourself; and
- PREVENT** crashes on the road.

## PREPARE

### ❄️ PROTECT YOURSELF

**Maintain Your Car:** Check battery and tire tread, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, check your anti-freeze.

**Have On Hand:** flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. **For long trips, add** food and water, medication and cell phone.

**Stopped or Stalled?** Stay with your car, don't over exert, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.

**Plan Your Route:** Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.

### Practice Cold Weather Driving!

- \* During daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on the ice or snow in an empty lot
- \* Steer into a skid
- \* Know what your brakes will do: *stomp on antilock brakes, pump non-antilock brakes*
- \* Stopping distances are longer on water-covered ice and ice
- \* Don't idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space

- ❄️ \* Buckle up and use child safety seats properly
- \* Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag
- \* Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat
- \* Sit back 10 inches from an air bag

## PREVENT CRASHES

- ❄️ Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving
- \* Slow down and increase distances between cars
- \* Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road
- \* **Avoid fatigue** - Get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible



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## *"The Thin Blue Line"*

*There is a line  
the color of the sky  
on a clear afternoon*

*There is a line  
the hue of the ocean  
on a bright sunny day*

*There is a line  
the purest shade of a newborn's eyes  
awakening for the first time*

*There is a line  
that protects us from harm  
in all we do  
whether day or night*

*There is a line  
no one can penetrate  
no one can alleviate*

*There is a line  
made of those who choose  
to follow a calling many do not hear*

*and still more do not comprehend*

*They choose to walk  
the path of fear, hate, and mistrust  
taken by so few  
but marked by so many*

*And when one leaves this line  
they leave a legacy  
but the line does not break  
for the remaining must still protect*

*There may be emptiness  
a loss, or sadness  
but never a hole  
not in this line*

*This line that holds  
the ghosts of the souls who have gone  
and the souls of the ghosts who will be  
The Thin Blue Line*

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

Well the "New Year" is upon us, it seems like 2007 went by so quickly. We are excited and looking forward to working with the community again this year. Some of the items we are working on include:

Putting together an annual report to allow the residents an opportunity to see what we have done over the last year.

- Implementing a Citizens Police Academy. This was a very successful program in the community I retired from. The main goal of the program is to educate the citizens, so they will have a better understanding of how their police department operates and become aware of the responsibilities of a police officer. Look for more information in the coming months.
- Pedestrian crosswalk safety on NC Hwy12. We're hoping to receive much needed cooperation from DOT in an effort to protect our own citizens as well as visitors.
- We will be working with other area police agencies along with our fire department in an effort to train and prepare for major incidents; part of this training will include working with Kitty Hawk Elementary school personnel.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a great new year.

*David M. Kole*

