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Welcome back to the Southern Shores Police Pages Newsletter. The summer has arrived and so have the vacationers. Dare County Schools will be out this Friday and we are sure to see even more of an increase in traffic. Be ever mindful of the fast paced world around you but don't forget to stop and smell the roses (incidentally, the flower of the month!) As always, 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!

Southern Shores Welcomes Two New Employees

The Southern Shores Police Department has welcomed two new members to its family: Officer Matthew Cooke and Community Resource Officer Miguel "Mike" Estrella. Officer Cooke comes to us from the Nags Head Police

Department and originally hails from Hickory, NC. He is a graduate of Appalachian State and has 2+ years of law enforcement experience. Mr. Estrella is our Community Resource Officer and is a long time resident of Southern Shores. Mr. Estrella has extensive experience in security field and comes from a law enforcement family. He and his wife recently made a permanent move here from Palm Beach, FL where he was involved with local law enforcement as a translator and Community Resource Officer. Welcome to Matt and Mike and please introduce yourself when you see them.



PO Matt Cooke



CRO Mike Estrella

Did You Know?

If any person shall loose, unmoor, or turn adrift from any landing or other place wherever the same shall be, any boat, canoe, or other marine vessel, or if any person shall direct the same to be done without the consent of the owner, or the person having the lawful custody or possession of such vessel, he shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. The owner may also have his action for such injury. The penalties aforesaid shall not extend to any person who shall press any such property by public authority. NCGS 14-162



Hurricane Season Has Begun!

Hurricane season officially begins June 1st and last until November 30th. The first storm of 2008 has already been named which is Tropical Storm Arthur so now is the time to get prepared. For all of the best news and information this hurricane season, please go to:

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Property Registration Is Now Available

The Southern Shores Police Department now has the means to maintain a registry of personal property of its citizens. Items of particular interest to be registered are firearms, bicycles, heirlooms, jewelry, etc; however, any type of property that you wish may be entered into the registry. The registry will act as a record of ownership and in the event your property is lost or stolen, the pertinent information will be saved and available to you and law enforcement. We can even record digital photos of the items which are particularly valuable in the case of items that do not have serial numbers. Additionally, the police department has an engraver available to you which can be used to mark your property with additional identifying information at the time of registration. For more information, please contact us at 252-261-3331.

Crime Prevention Seminar for Business May 2008



Our first Crime Prevention Seminar for Business was a success. We thank all of the people that help to make it so. Sergeant Jon Slegel and Officer Mike Torres presented an insightful and information program that will hopefully continue to educate our business community year after year. We hope to see you there next time!



Permit Required

While driving home from work one day, I was eating an apple. It wasn't until I tossed the core out the window that the police car came up behind me. The officer pulled me over, and as I was getting out my license, I joked that I was helping to clean up the roadside. The core would become a home for ants, which would pick up tiny bits of litter. I was amazed he was nodding in agreement until he said, "So let's see your building permit."

Stranger Danger!

As you may know, there have been a couple of incidents recently in Dare County in which suspicious people have approached children on their way home from school and offered a ride home. Thankfully, the children that have been approached handled the situation correctly and no one has been hurt. As parents, friends, neighbors and good citizens, we must always be vigilant about protecting our children. Living in a

community as quiet as Southern Shores can often lull you into a false sense of security. Just who is a stranger and how can we teach our children to be cautious without making them afraid? In response to this question, our officers have been visiting the school and talking with the children about Stranger Danger. Here are some of the things we



can share with your children...

A stranger is a person whom you have never met. You may have seen the person before but don't know anything about him or her. Strangers don't look like monsters, aliens, or the bad guys you see on TV. They

look like ordinary people.

What's the Big Deal?

Most strangers are nice, but some are not. You can't tell if a stranger is nice or not by looking at him or her. But you can tell if a situation is good or bad.

What you should do:

Be aware of dangerous situations. If a stranger asks you for help or to keep a "special secret," it could be a dangerous situation. Say no and tell a trusted adult.

Trust your instincts. If you feel scared or uncomfortable, get away from the situation. Make an excuse or just run away, and go to a safe place.

Know what to do. Think No, Go, Yell, Tell. If you're in a dangerous situation, say no, run away, yell as loud as you can, and tell an adult.

Ask your parents first. If a stranger invites you to go somewhere, offers you a gift, or just wants to talk, say you need to ask your parents for permission first. Then go do it.

Stick with friends. It's always safer to play in a group

Rip currents account for 80% of rescues performed by surf beach lifeguards.

What are rip currents?

- ☒ Rip currents are channelized currents of water flowing away from shore at surf beaches.
- ☒ Rip currents typically form at breaks in sandbars, and also near structures such as jetties and piers.
- ☒ Rip currents are quite common and can be found on many surf beaches every day, including Great Lakes beaches.

Why are rip currents dangerous?

- ☒ Rip currents pull people away from shore.
- ☒ Rip current speeds can vary from moment to moment and can quickly increase to become dangerous to anyone entering the surf.
- ☒ Rip currents can sweep even the strongest swimmer out to sea.



Rip currents often form near coastal structures.

Dr. Tom Harrington, Stevens Institute of Technology



Rip currents often generate a plume of sediment moving away from shore.

Lifeguard Capata in Nick Steers, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

What are some clues that a rip current may be present?

- ☒ A channel of churning, choppy water.
- ☒ A difference in water color.
- ☒ A line of foam, seaweed or debris moving seaward.
- ☒ A break in the incoming wave pattern.

What if I'm caught in a rip current?

- ☒ Stay calm.
- ☒ Don't fight the current.
- ☒ Escape the current by swimming in a direction following the shoreline. When free of the current, swim at an angle—away from the current—toward shore.
- ☒ If you are unable to escape by swimming, float or tread water. When the current weakens, swim at an angle away from the current toward shore.
- ☒ If at any time you feel you will be unable to reach shore, draw attention to yourself: face the shore, call or wave for help.

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:

**www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usla.org**



ATTENTION MOTORIST

If you have been issued a traffic citation for a motor vehicle offense, it may result in the revocation of your driver's license or privilege if you do not dispose of this citation using one of the following options:

YOU MAY PAY BY MAIL OR IN PERSON: If you have been charged with an infraction or wailable misdemeanor, you may pay the ticket in person or by mail. See the back side of the traffic citation for more information as to this option, which applies only to certain types of offenses.

YOU MAY HIRE AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU: You may hire an attorney to represent you. Check the Yellow Pages.

YOU MAY APPEAR AT AN ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION: If you wish to discuss your traffic citation with an Assistant District Attorney, go to the District Court

Courtroom at the Dare County Clerk's Office in Manteo, North Carolina on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month between 8:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. before** your regularly scheduled court appearance.

YOU MUST APPEAR IN DISTRICT COURT: If you do not choose one of the other options listed on this paper, you **MUST** appear in District Court on the date written near the top of the middle panel on your traffic citation. In District Court, you may plead guilty or not guilty.

IF YOU DO NOT DISPOSE OF THIS TRAFFIC CITATION, YOUR LICENSE MAY BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED AND YOU MAY BE ARRESTED!!

DO NOT CALL!!!!!!!

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
AND THE CLERK'S OFFICE
WILL **NOT** DISCUSS THE MERITS
OF YOUR TICKET OVER THE TELEPHONE.



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Famous Quotes

"Ignorance of the law excuses no man: Not that all men know the law, but because 'tis an excuse every man will plead, and no man can tell how to refute him."

- **John Selden (1584 - 1654)**



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Through Integrity*

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From the desk of...

Summer is approaching quickly; with the summer comes the heavy traffic; please be patient and courteous to others. We should set the example. Once again we will have a Community Resource Officer assisting for the summer months; this officer's primary duties are parking enforcement, beach & boat patrol.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Southern Shores Fire Department for taking the time to recognize two of our officers, Officer Michael Torres and Sergeant Dean McManus, for their assistance at two unrelated incidents. While I was not able to attend the presentation, I do appreciate the excellent working relationship that has been established over the years with our fire department.

David M. Kole

