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Do You D.A.R.E.?



D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. The class is based on the Socio-Emotional Learning Theory (SEL), identifies fundamental, basic skills and devel-

opmental processes needed for healthy development including: self-awareness and management; responsible decision making; understanding others; relationship and communication skills and handling responsibilities and challenges. This year, 79 students participated in this 10 week course at the Kitty Hawk Elementary School

taught by the School Resource Officer Tracy Mann. The D.A.R.E graduation was held on Feb. 9, 2018 and is a testament to the commitment of the department, school and community in safeguarding the health and well being of our children. Congratulations to these amazing kids!

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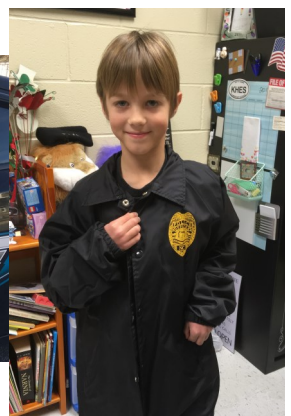
The Police Report

The Future of Law Enforcement?

Throughout the school year, students are recognized and rewarded for hard work and good behavior. The rewards vary and often the student gets to choose what his or her reward will be. It could be a trip to a treasure box for a toy or sweet treat. It could be extra free time or it could be spending time with Officer Tracy. Officer Mann has been the

School Resource Officer for Kitty Hawk Elementary since January 2015 and she has become a beloved member of the KHES staff. Many students see spending time with Officer Tracy as an reward and often choose her over toys and candy. This is a wonderful way of creating an atmos-

phere of respect and friendship with law enforcement that will serve them well into adulthood. And perhaps it even plants the seeds that will grow into our future men and women of law enforcement!



In-Service Training

Law enforcement is a career that is always evolving and constant training is required to be proficient and effective in the job. The Southern Shores Police Department takes continuing education seriously and takes every available opportunity to learn and grow as officers. No matter your rank and title, you are a street officer first.

Some in-service training is mandated by the State of NC and involves keeping abreast of news laws and changing ethical standards. Many Southern Shores officers are also certified instructors and teach this mandated training yearly. Officer Tracy Mann is one such instructor and can be seen teaching a course in the recognition, handling and response to Bloodborne Path-

ogens. Officer Jeremy Hemilright is a certified firearms instructor and teaches not only the mandatory in-service training but takes the officers to the range several times a year to ensure their firearm proficiency. Officer George Farrow is a specialized instructor in Subject Control and Arrest or SCAT. As seen in the pictures below, our officers learn self defense techniques as well as methods of safely controlling subjects in custody as well as affecting arrests in a way that is safe for the officer as well as the subject being arrested.

All of these topics, and more, require classroom instruction as well as practical application. Some of the knowledge is new while some of the training is repetitive. This is extremely

important in training such as firearms so that practical application is as smooth and natural as driving a car. Every officer trains with the hope that they will never have to actually use what they have learned but if and when that time comes, they will be able to carry out their duty in the most effective way possible.



Bicycle Laws

In North Carolina, the bicycle has the legal status of a vehicle. This means that bicyclists have full rights and responsibilities on the roadway and are subject to the regulations governing the operation of a motor vehicle. North Carolina traffic laws require bicyclists to:

- Ride on the right in the same direction as other traffic
- Obey all traffic signs and signals

- Use hand signals to communicate intended movements

- Equip their bicycles with a front lamp visible from 300 feet and a rear reflector that is visible from a distance of 200 feet when riding at night.

- Wear a bicycle helmet on public roads, public paths and public rights-of-way if the bicyclists is under 16 years old

- Secure child passengers in a child seat or bicycle trailer if under 40

pounds or 40 inches.

Laws pertaining to the operation of a bicycle vary from state to state. Below are three issues of bicycling that North Carolina law currently does not clarify.

- Bicycling on Interstate or fully controlled limited access highways, such as beltlines, is prohibited by policy, unless otherwise specified by action of the Board of Transportation. Currently, the only exception to the policy is the US 17 bridge over the Chowan River between Chowan and Bertie Counties.

- There is no law that requires bicyclists to ride single file, nor is there a law that gives cyclists the right to ride two or more abreast. It is important to ride responsibly and courteously, so that cars may pass safely.

- There is no law that prohibits wearing headphones when riding a bicycle; however, it is not recommended. It is important to use all your senses to ensure your safety when riding in traffic.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/lawspolicies/laws/>

Pedestrian Crosswalks

What's the law?

- At intersections controlled by ordinary traffic signals, pedestrians must obey the same signals as drivers traveling in the same direction.

- Pedestrians should not start to cross during a red or yellow signal;

- When crossing with a green signal, pedestrians have the right of way over all vehicles, including those turning across the paths of the pedestrians;

- If a traffic signal changes to yellow or red while any pedestrian remains in the street, drivers must allow the pedestrian to complete the crossing safely.

- At intersections without traffic signals, pedestrians have the right of way if they are in marked crosswalks or in unmarked crosswalks formed by imaginary lines extending from the sidewalks across the streets.

- At mid-block crosswalks with no traffic signal, drivers must yield the way to pedestrians in the crosswalk. (N.C. General Statute 20-173)

- At intersections with special "Walk" or "Don't Walk" signals, pedestrians must obey these signals.

- Pedestrians crossing with special pedestrian signals have the right of way just as they do while crossing with a green light.

- If you are moving through an intersection with a green signal and a pedestrian starts to cross in your path against the red signal, give a warning with your horn.

- The law requires drivers to use the horn whenever a pedestrian may be affected by a turn, stop or start from a parked position. If the pedestrian does not stop, the driver must.

Saving a pedestrian's life is always worth the driver's lost right of way. The safe driver yields right of way to a pedestrian whether the pedestrian is entitled to it or not.

Safety is a Shared Responsibility

When you're driving:

- Yield to people in crosswalks.

- Before making a turn, be sure the path is clear of people walking.

- Look behind your vehicle for people before backing up.

- Keep an eye out for people walking at night.

When you're walking:

- Look for cars in all directions—including those turning—before crossing the street.

- Obey all pedestrian traffic signals.

- At night, walk in well-lit areas, carry a flashlight, or wear something reflective to be more visible.

- Watch for cars backing up in parking lots.

- Cross the street where you have the best view of traffic. At bus stops, cross behind the bus or at the nearest crosswalk.

- Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from the road as you can.

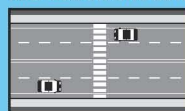
What's a crosswalk?

MARKED CROSSWALKS



Crosswalks may be marked, either with two parallel white lines or a series of white blocks running across the street (or road).

MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK



These marked crosswalks are located in the middle of a block, not at an intersection.

UNMARKED CROSSWALKS



These crosswalks occur whenever a sidewalk ends at an intersection and continues on the other side. There is an implied crosswalk across the intersection.



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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

1974

Police start wearing soft body armor to protect themselves against handgun assaults.



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!