



Police Pages



Southern Shores, North Carolina



Welcome back to the Southern Shores Police Pages Newsletter. It's hard to believe that summer is almost here. And with it come the tourists and all that is good and bad with the season. Here are a few things to keep in mind with the increase of population and traffic. 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!



The season has unofficially begun, and with it comes the influx of people that we always expect this time of year. This would be a good time to post up the local laws if you have rental property so that our visitors may have a more pleasant stay because they know what they can and cannot do. And it's always good to remind ourselves of how the local laws currently stand for when we have visitors in our own homes. Here are the ones that are most important for visitors and guests...

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING LOCAL LAWS:

25 mph speed limit in the Town unless otherwise posted.



dunes is prohibited in the Town.



ties or used as sleeping or living accommodations. No camping.



 Parking on street shoulders is by Town permit and only where specifically permitted by signs. Permits can be obtained at Town Hall for property owners only. Visitors must get guest parking passes from property owners for Civic Association lots.



Discharging of firearms or explosives in the Town is not permitted.



Beach fires are not allowed.

Red warning flags are posted on aluminum poles every half mile along the beach when it is unsafe and illegal to swim.



Dogs must be leashed at all times when off the owner's property. No animals are allowed on the beach May 15th to September 15th.



No loud noises after 10 P.M. and before 7 A.M.



Fireworks that detonate or explode, spin or propel themselves through the air are illegal.



Sea Oats and dune grass are protected by federal and state law. Please do not pick or mutilate them. They stabilize our sand dunes, which protect our Town during hurricanes and nor'easters.



Persons using surfboards must have them leashed to their bodies to protect others.



Garbage and recycling containers must be pulled back near the house within 24 hours of pick-up.



From September 16th till May 15th dogs must be on a leash and cleaned up after on the beach.

Driving on beach or

Travel trailers or RV's may not be hooked up to existing cottage faci-

Check with the Town for restrictive requirements that are placed for use of personal watercraft.



Safe Kids Week

April 26–May

NORTH CAROLINA'S SAFETY BELT LAW

In 1985, North Carolina's safety belt law went into effect to save lives and reduce injuries. Key points of the law include:

- All drivers and passengers must wear a safety belt or be in a child safety seat properly.*
- The driver is held responsible for themselves and all passengers under age 16. All passengers age 16 or older receive their own tickets if not buckled.
- Violators can be stopped by law enforcement if not buckled up.
- Fine is \$25 plus \$75 in court costs.

Use Safety Seats Correctly and Safely

- Use according to the safety seat and vehicle manufacturer's instructions.
- Child must be within the weight and height listed for the seat.
- Children less than 1 year old or weighing less than 20 pounds should ride facing the rear of the vehicle — either in a rear-facing-only infant seat or rear-facing convertible model.
- Seats must have the harness properly fitted over the shoulders with the straps snug, not loose.
- Seats must be installed properly and snugly in the vehicle with a seat belt or LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren) system.
- Refer to the vehicle's owner's manual to see if a locking clip is needed to install a child seat. If needed, locking clips are available from automobile and safety seat manufacturers.

NORTH CAROLINA'S CHILD RESTRAINT LAW

- Children under age 16 must ride in a safety belt or a child safety seat no matter where they sit.
- Children younger than age 8 and who weigh less than 80 pounds must be properly secured in child restraints or booster seats.
- When a child reaches age 8 or weighs 80 pounds, whichever comes first, a properly fitted lap and shoulder belt may be used to restrain the child.
WARNING: Belt-positioning booster seats can be used only with lap and shoulder combination safety belts. Belt-positioning booster seats must *never* be used with just a lap belt.
- If there is no lap- and shoulder-beltequipped seating position available for using a belt-positioning booster, a child who weighs at least 40 pounds may be restrained by a properly fitted lap belt only.
- The law applies to all passenger vehicles with both in-state and out-ofstate registration.
- The driver is held responsible for proper restraint of children, regardless of their relationship to the child.
- The penalty for not complying with this law is two points on driver license, a \$25 fine plus \$110 in court costs.

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May 19 – June 1

**SURROUNDED BY
HEROES**

National Police Week
May 11 - May 17 2008



National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement community. Principal organizers of National Police Week are -

- National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), which sponsors the annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
- Fraternal Order of Police/Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary (FOP/FOPA), which organize the Peace Officers Memorial Day Service at the U.S. Capitol.
- Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), which holds the National Police Survivors' Conference.



The 20th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. Sponsored by the NLEOMF, the event will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Memorial grounds, located at Judiciary Square, in the 400 block of E Street, NW, Washington, DC. A reading of the names newly engraved on the Memorial immediately follows the ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend; no tickets are required.

IN VALOR
THERE IS HOPE

Law Enforcement Facts (updated March 2008)

1. There are more than **900,000** sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States, which is the highest figure ever. About **12 percent** of those are female.
2. In 2005, there were an estimated **5.2 million** violent crimes committed in the United States (according to the National Crime Victimization Survey conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics). The annual number of violent crimes has declined by **58%** since 1993.
3. Crime fighting has taken its toll. Since the first recorded police death in 1792, there have been more than **18,200** law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, there are **18,274** names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
4. A total of **1,671** law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the past 10 years, an average of one death every **53** hours or **167** per year. There were **181** law enforcement officers killed in 2007.
5. On average, more than **56,000** law enforcement officers are assaulted each year, resulting in over **16,000** injuries.
6. The **1970s** were the deadliest decade in law enforcement history, when a total of **2,276** officers died, or an average of **228** each year. The deadliest year in law enforcement history was **1930**, when **279** officers were killed. That figure dropped dramatically in the 1990s, to an average of **160** per year.
7. The deadliest day in law enforcement history was September 11, 2001, when **72** officers were killed while responding to the terrorist attacks on America.
8. New York City has lost more officers in the line of duty than any other department, with **692** deaths. California has lost **1,435** officers, more than any other state. The state with the fewest deaths is Vermont, with **19**.
9. There are **951** federal officers listed on the Memorial, as well as **527** correctional officers and **36** military law enforcement officers.
10. There are **223** female officers listed on the Memorial, nine of whom were killed prior to 1970.
11. During the past ten years, more officers were killed feloniously on **Friday** than any other day of the week. The fewest number of felonious fatalities occurred on **Sunday**. Over the past decade, more officers were killed between 8:01 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. than during any other two-hour period.

Gotcha!

If this had been an actual "Rip-Off,"
you would now be a statistic.
Don't give a thief an opportunity.
LOCK IT UP!!

courtesy of your
Southern Shores
Community Police Officer

Date: _____
Time: _____

In the coming weeks the Southern Shores Police Department will be implementing a new Community Policing Campaign known as the Gotcha! This is an awareness effort to make people realize how often they leave themselves vulnerable to becoming victims. Watch out because you never know when you'll get a Gotcha!

**SOUTHERN SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS A**

Business Crime Prevention Seminar

Achieving Excellence Through Integrity

The Southern Shores Police Department invites all area businesses to attend our Business Crime Prevention Seminar. We will provide crime prevention tips and other useful information to help safeguard your business from becoming the victim of:

- Larceny
- Shoplifting
- Burglary
- Robbery
- Fraud
- Or other related crimes



When? May 17, 2008 @ 10:00 am

Where? In the Council Chambers of the Pitts Center at the Southern Shores Municipal Complex

* Refreshments will be provided

For more information, please contact Sgt. Jon Siegel at 252-216-7529 or jsiegel@southernshores-nc.gov or Officer Mike Torres at 252-216-7528 or mtorres@southernshores-nc.gov.

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From the desk of...

As the Summer season approaches, we are happy to report some accomplishments that will hopefully make this a safer Summer. If you haven't noticed yet, we have finally erected crosswalk signs on Rt. 12 on the concrete center barriers, we have posted some new "Town of Southern Shores No Parking on or along any street" signs to better educate the visitors to our community. I would like to personally thank Public Works for making this possible. The police boat is ready for service and will be in the water sometime in May. We will once again employ a Community Resource Officer for the summer months to assist with parking issues and beach patrol. Our officers have completed an enormous amount of training over the Winter months; much of this training will not only benefit the officers, but will also better the community. We will be looking at revitalizing Neighborhood Watch throughout Southern Shores over the next several months. Anyone interested is asked to contact Sgt. Dean McManus at 216-7537. We will be conducting a crime prevention seminar for our local businesses on May 17, 2008 at 10:00am at the Pitt Center. This seminar will focus on how employees and business owners can protect themselves and how to handle specific situations should they arise.

David M. Kole

