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# Police Pages

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*Southern Shores Police Department*



**Welcome to the Police Pages!** We understand that some of you didn't care for the recent format change to the newsletter so we are bringing it back. Summer is here and things will be getting busy but we'll do our best to keep you up to date. As always, we welcome your feedback so let us hear from you. Please call us with questions or suggestions at 252-261-3331 or email us at [infpd@southernshores-nc.gov](mailto:infpd@southernshores-nc.gov).



## 2009 NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

**May 10-16, 2009**

Never Alone, Never Forgotten

From May 10-16, 2009—National Police Week—communities across the United States come together to remember and honor all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, as well as the family members, friends and fellow officers they left behind.

This year, the names of 387 fallen officers are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. These 387 officers include 133 officers who died in the line of duty during 2008, plus another 254 officers who died in previous years but had been lost to history until now.

This year one of Southern Shores Finest will be mentioned. On January 14, 2000 Patrolman Francis Duon Hemilright died of a heart attack after arriving at the Port-a-Call Restaurant following a mutual aid request.

Although Patrolman Hemilright is honored on the wall in Washington D.C. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial he had never been added to the North Carolina Peace Officers Honor

Roll. This was brought to the attention of John Aldridge, Special Deputy Attorney General. It was determined that this was a complete oversight and it would be corrected at this year's memorial service.

As mentioned earlier the memorial service is a very special and moving occasion, however this year it will have a little extra meaning because of Frankie.

The names of all 387 fallen officers nationwide will be formally dedicated on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial during the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2009. The Candlelight Vigil is one of many commemorative events taking place in the nation's capital during National Police Week 2009. The national observance is organized by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), Concerns of Police Survivors, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary.

"There are some 900,000 active law enforcement officers in the United States today—men and women who

are willing to put their own lives at great risk for the safety and protection of others," said Craig W. Floyd, Chairman and CEO of the NLEOMF. "National Police Week is a time for all Americans to pause and reflect on the incredible sacrifices these heroes make for us every day and every week of the year. We could not be the free and mostly safe and peaceful nation that we are without their dedication and service," he added.

As a special show of respect to the nation's fallen law enforcement officers, all businesses, residents and government agencies are reminded to lower their flags to half-staff on May 15, which is Peace Officers Memorial Day. At the request of the NLEOMF in 1994, Public Law 103-322 designates Peace Officers Memorial Day as one of only two days each year during which U.S. flags are to be flown at half staff (Memorial Day is the other).

For more information about National Police Week, please visit [www.LawMemorial.org/NPW2009](http://www.LawMemorial.org/NPW2009)

# Honoring A Fallen Officer



As always, National Police Officers Memorial Week is a somber time for all police officers. It is a reminder, albeit an important one, of the dangers we face very day that we put on that uniform and go to work. This year offered a special reminder of the passing of one of our own, Francis "Frankie" D. Hemilright.

Frankie Hemilright started with the Southern Shores Police Department in September of 1991. Frankie worked over 20 years in law enforcement most notably as the first policeman for the incorporated Town of Kitty Hawk. As a native of Dare County being born and raised in Manns Harbor, Frankie's knowledge of the area and his law enforcement experience served the citizens and Town of Southern Shores well in his eight years of service with the department. Frankie's sense of fairness, down to earth approach and dry wit endeared him to all who knew him. And even those who may not have liked him certainly respected him.

Frankie's tour of duty ended on January 14, 2000. In the early morning hours of January 14<sup>th</sup>, a large fight involving 100 or more persons broke out in the parking lot of the Port O' Call Restaurant in Kill Devil Hills. The Kill Devil Hills Police Department requested mutual from all available units. Frankie responded to the call for help and checked on scene within 14 minutes of receiving the call. Unfortunately, Frankie was not able to get out of his patrol car as he had suffered a major heart attack. Saint Michael had come to take him home.

Although Frankie was honored on the wall in Washington D.C. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, he had never been added to the North Carolina Peace Officers Honor Roll. That oversight was corrected at this year's ceremony at Charity Baptist Church in Kannapolis, NC on May 6, 2009. Attorney General Roy Cooper, in his closing remarks, recognized Francis Duon Hemilright for his commitment to law enforcement and officially added his name to the North Carolina Peace Officers Honor Roll.

The Southern Shores Police Department remembers Francis "Frankie" Duon Hemilright with respect, pride and warmest heartfelt thanks for his contribution to this department and the Town of Southern Shores. **Rest in Peace Frankie.**

## Special points of interest:

- May 18-31 **Click It or Ticket**



- April 26 - May 4 is **Safe Kids Week** For more information see [www.usa.safekids.org](http://www.usa.safekids.org).

- May is **National Mental Health Month**. For more information see [www.nimh.nih.gov](http://www.nimh.nih.gov)



- May is **Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**.

- Beginning May 15th until September 15th, dogs will not be allowed on Southern Shores beaches.



## Did You Know?

**NCGS § 14□4.**

**Violation of local ordinances misdemeanor.**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), if any person shall violate an ordinance of a county, city, town, or metropolitan sewerage district created under Article 5 of Chapter 162A, he shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). No fine shall exceed fifty dollars (\$50) unless the ordinance expressly states that the maximum fine is greater than fifty dollars (\$50).

(b) If any person shall violate an ordinance of a county, city, or town regulating the operation or parking of vehicles, he shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be required to pay a penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).



# T. O. S. S. 30th Anniversary



Officer Torres gives the day a thumbs up!



Officer Clark makes sure everyone is safe.



Southern Shores' finest!



Here comes the motorcade!



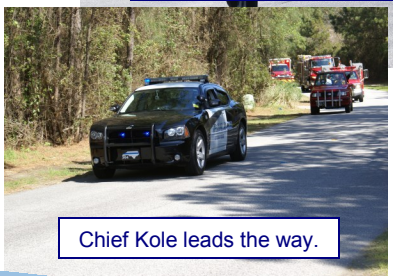
Our illustrious leaders



Lt. Terry is having fun!



Chief Kole is ready to lead the motorcade.



Chief Kole leads the way.



Officer Hemilright makes it shine



SSPD is ready for the crowd.



## Activity Detail Summary

Southern Shores Police Department

01/01/2009 - 05/01/2009

### Incident/Investigations

Burglary - 18  
Larceny - 16  
Simple Assault - 1  
Fraud - 3  
Possessing/Concealing Stolen Property - 1  
Criminal Damage to Property - 14  
Drug Violations - 8  
All Other Offenses Against Family - 1  
All Other Liquor Law Violations - 1  
Escape From Custody or Resist Arrest - 1  
Parole & Probation Violations - 1  
Trespassing - 1  
City Ordinance Violations - 1  
All Other Offenses - 9  
All Traffic (except DWI) - 6  
Runaway - 1  
Calls for Service - 9  
Domestic Related Incident - 5  
Total Offenses - 97  
Total Incidents - 64

### Arrests

Burglary - 1  
Larceny - 1  
Simple Assault - 1  
Embezzlement - 1  
Possessing/Concealing Stolen Property - 1  
Drug Violations - 6  
DWI - 6  
Escape From Custody or Resist Arrest - 1  
Parole & Probation Violations - 2  
Trespassing - 1  
All Other Offenses - 5  
All Traffic (except DWI) - 12  
Calls for Service - 1  
Total Charges - 39  
Total Arrests - 19

### Accidents

Total Accidents - 4

### Citations

Driving While License Revoked - 2  
Expired Registration - 17

### Failure To Reduce Speed - 1

Failure To Stop (Stop Sign/Flashing Red Light) - 2

Passenger Seat Belt – Juvenile - 1

Possess/Consume Alcohol – Passenger - 2

Running Red Light - 6

Seat Belt - 8

Speeding (Infraction) - 34

Speeding (Misdemeanor) - 1

Secondary Charge - 15

Total Charges - 119

Total Citations - 105

### Warning Tickets

Equipment – Lights - 18

Failure To Wear Seat Belts - 2

Other - 32

Speeding - 48

Total Charges - 100

Total Warning Tickets - 100

### Ordinance Tickets

Total Ordinance Tickets - 0



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Through Integrity

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The Southern Shores Police Department would like to express our condolences to the family of Sergeant Earl Murray who was involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident on Friday May 15, 2009. Our hearts and our prayers are with you as we say farewell to a good friend, a good officer and a good man. Rest In Peace Sgt. Murray. You will be missed.

*Praise is well, compliment is well, but affection - that is the last and final and most precious reward that any man can win, whether by character or achievement."*

Mark Twain

