



# The Police Report

## Continuing Education...

In order to become a police officer in North Carolina, one must successfully complete Basic Law Enforcement Training or BLET. The BLET Curriculum is designed to prepare entry-level individuals with the cognitive and physical skills needed to become certified law enforcement officers in North Carolina.

The course is comprised of 36 separate blocks of instruction to include topics such as Firearms, Driver Training, Motor Vehicle Law, and Arrest, Search and Seizure. The BLET course is filled with practical exercises and an extensive ethics section that is woven throughout the training experience.

The BLET course has been thoroughly researched, legally reviewed and contains the most current law enforcement information available. The Commission mandated 620-hour course takes approximately 16 weeks to complete and concludes with a comprehensive written exam and skills testing.

Upon successful completion of the BLET State Comprehensive

Written Examination, the BLET trainee has one year from the date of the State Comprehensive Examination to be duly appointed and sworn as a law enforcement officer in North Carolina. However, most agencies include an additional period of field training.

However, law enforcement is not a static field as the law, equipment and techniques are always changing. Therefore, law enforcement officers, to be truly effective in their job can never stop learning or training.

The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission requires that every law enforcement officer certified by the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission must receive a minimum of 24 hours of in-service training annually. The Southern Shores Police Department goes well above this requirement by completing the state mandated classes as well as several classes that are mandated annually by the department. Such topics include Firearms Training and Qualifications, Taser, Hazardous Materials, Bloodborne Pathogens, and Legal Updates.

The North Carolina Justice Academy offers this training in addition to a wide variety of other training

opportunities for law enforcement officers to hone and expand their skill set. However, many of these training opportunities are not offered locally to Dare County. As such, many officers become trained as certified law enforcement instructors to teach these classes to other officers thereby affording them the opportunity and convenience of this valuable education that they may not otherwise get the chance to experience.

The Southern Shores Police Department is very lucky to have five officers that are certified as law enforcement instructors which enables us to not only offer valuable training opportunities to our department but to other departments in the area as well. With the addition of our training facility, we have been able to offer training to officers from Elizabeth City, Currituck County, Camden County and beyond.

Becoming an instructor is no easy task. It required drive, dedication and an ongoing commitment to excellence in law enforcement. For the Southern Shores Police Department to have 42% of it's force displaying this commitment speaks volumes for the value and integrity of the department and it's officers. Let us introduce you to those officers...



## Lt. Jonathan M. Slegel

Lt. Slegel has been in law enforcement over 20 years with more than 3/4 of

that time being employed by the Southern Shores Police Department. During that time he has amassed a tremendous amount of training and experience which has enabled him to rise through the ranks to currently hold the position of second in command with

the department.

The Lieutenant serves as the department's in-service training coordinator. As such, he is responsible for maintaining all training records as well as arranging and scheduling training for everyone in the department as well as supervising all of the department's instructors.

Lt. Slegel not only fulfills an administrative role in the department's training program but is also

a certified instructor himself. Lt. Slegel is a general instructor as well as specializing in the instruction of Firearms, Rapid Deployment and Taser.

Through his combined education and experience, Lt. Jonathan Slegel has been awarded his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Com-



## 1st Sergeant Brad T. Eilert

1st Sergeant Brad Eilert has been in law enforcement for 17 years the last 3 years of

which has been with the Southern Shores Police Department. 1st Sgt. Eilert obtained his general instructor's certification shortly after coming to Southern Shores in October of 2013. 1st Sgt. Eilert has used his certification to help the

department meet it's in-service training requirements mandated by the State of North Carolina. He subsequently a specialized certification as a Radar instructor in 2015. That has been helpful not only to our department but other department's in the area as radar instruction is not always ready available to new and existing officers. In his personal time, 1st Sgt. Eilert serves as an instructor for the

Basic Law Enforcement Training program at College of the Albemarle.

Through his combined education and experience, 1st Sergeant Brad Eilert has been awarded his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission.



## M. P. O Jeremy R. Hemilright

Master Patrol Officer Jeremy Hemilright has been in law en-

forcement for 14 years, 9 of which have been with the Southern Shores Police Department. MPO Hemilright obtained his general instructor's certification in May of 2011 and then went on the earn his certification in the specialized instruction of Firearms and Rapid Deployment.



MPO Hemilright is a dedicated firearms instructor. He and Lt. Slegel have done a lot for Southern Shores to bring the department's level of efficiency to a high standard. MPO Hemilright has even gone on, in his personal time, to become an instructor for concealed carry permits.

Through his combined education and experience, MPO Jeremy Hemilright has been awarded his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission.



## SPO Tracy M. Mann

Senior Patrol Officer Tracy Mann

has been in law enforcement over 13 years in law enforcement with the last 5.5 years as a member of the Southern Shores Police Department. SPO Mann obtained her general instructor's certification in November of 2009. SPO Mann not only helps the department to fulfill their annual in-service training requirements, she is also a specialized instructor in Taser, Rapid Deployment, CPR and certified as a Basic EMT.



SPO Mann also uses her training as an instructor as the School Resource Officer at Kitty Hawk Elementary School. She teaches in-

ternet safety, drug awareness and anti-bullying. SPO Mann received specialized certification as a School Resource Officer enabling her to take the leap from patrol to the classroom.

Through her combined education and experience, SPO Mann has been awarded her Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission.



## PO George M. Farrow

Officer George Farrow has been in law enforcement for 18 years with the last 4 as a member of the Southern Shores Police Department.

Officer Farrow joined the ranks of certified instructors for Southern Shores approximately 1 year ago.

During that time he also completed the specialized training to become an instructor for Raid Deployment.

As with the other instructors, Officer Farrow has assisted the Southern Shores Police Department as well as other departments in the area to fulfill their annual in-service training requirements.

Through his combined education and experience, Officer George Farrow has been awarded his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission.

# Narcan Training

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North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) is a national naloxone (Narcan) access advocacy leader, committed to getting naloxone into the hands of community members and law enforcement. North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) is North Carolina's only comprehensive harm reduction program. NCHRC engages in grassroots advocacy, resource development, coalition building and direct services for law enforcement and those made vulnerable by drug use, sex work, overdose, immigration status, gender, STIs, HIV and hepatitis.

Naloxone (also known as Narcan®) is a prescription medicine that reverses an opioid overdose, which can be caused by prescription analgesics (e.g., Percocet, OxyContin), and heroin. Naloxone will only reverse an opioid overdose, it does not prevent deaths caused by other drugs such as benzodiazepines (e.g. Xanax®, Klonopin® and Valium®), bath salts, cocaine, methamphetamine or alcohol. However, naloxone may also be effective for polysubstance overdoses such as a combined opioid and alcohol overdose. It cannot be used to get high and is not addictive. Naloxone is safe and effective; emergency medical professionals have used it for decades. For more detailed information, visit [www.drugs.com/pro/naloxone.html](http://www.drugs.com/pro/naloxone.html)

Law enforcement personnel are often the first to arrive on the scene of an overdose. Sometimes they are responding to an EMS call; and sometimes, in the course of their work, they just happen to encounter someone who has overdosed. We want to ensure that these officers have the training and the necessary tool, naloxone, to make a difference when it matters most. Many law enforcement officers are already trained in using AEDs (automated external defibrillators) or in administering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Adding naloxone to their set of tools will help save lives.



The Southern Shores Police Department recently received this valuable Narcan training from Donnie Varnell who is retired from the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and is now employed with Narcan. Agent Varnell was once a deputy with the Dare County Sheriff's office and has worked closely with the agencies of Dare County for many years. Dare County is no stranger to the opioid epidemic and there have already been several cases in which Narcan has been administered. We are thankful that our officers have had the opportunity to receive this potential lifesaving training.

(Most information for this article came from <http://www.nchrc.org>.)



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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.*

## National Police Week

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.



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!