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**Welcome** back to the Southern Shores Police Pages. School is in again and Fall has begun. We are already feeling a change in the temperature which puts us in the mood for all the fun that cooler weather brings. But we can't let the fun distract us too much from the important things such as Crime Prevention Month and being safe this Halloween. So, please do not hesitate to call us at 252-261-3331 or e-mail us at [infopd@southernshores-nc.gov](mailto: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!

## October is Crime Prevention Month

### Crime Bites – Bite Back

#### NCPC Encourages Action During Crime Prevention Month

Washington, DC – Crime bites. The headlines about spikes in violent crime and the crime emergency in the Nation's capital can have people fearful for their safety and their family's safety. The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) says people can bite back against crime during Crime Prevention Month.

NCPC says preventing crime takes action by each individual citizen. A community with rampant crime is a community that lacks citizen involvement and partnership with local law enforcement. Everyone can do something to prevent crime, from helping police identify crime problems, starting a Neighborhood Watch, or taking commonsense steps to protect their homes and property.

Last year more than 23 million people were victims of personal and property crimes, at a cost of more than \$400 billion a year – far more than the current estimated costs of recovery from Hurricane Katrina. "Twenty three million victims of crime is 23 million too many," says NCPC President and CEO, Alfonso E. Lenhardt. "If we want to prevent crime, it takes each of us working with citizens, law enforcement, the business community, faith-based groups, and all levels of government."

For more than 25 years NCPC has stressed that citizen involvement in crime prevention plays a vital role in helping many communities stay safe. To help people get involved in preventing crime, each year NCPC produces its Crime Prevention Month Kit, which provides strategies, reproducible safety tip brochures, and ideas for getting community residents involved in prevention activities that make their neighborhood safer.

The theme for this year's kit, Partnering With Law Enforcement To Prevent Crime, puts an emphasis on community residents working with law enforcement to reduce the crime that may plague their community. The kit is co-sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, and ADT Security Services. It is distributed to more than 85,000 law enforcement personnel, crime prevention practitioners, Neighborhood Watch groups, schools, libraries, and businesses across the country.

For more information or to obtain a Crime Prevention Month Kit, visit NCPC's website at [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org). To schedule an interview, please contact Michelle Boykins at 202-261-4184 ([mboykins@ncpc.org](mailto:mboykins@ncpc.org)) or Leslie Capstick at 202-261-4138 ([lcapstick@ncpc.org](mailto:lcapstick@ncpc.org)).



## 2008 Fall Carnival

**When: October 18, 2008 @ 10:00  
am until 4:00 pm**

**Where: Kitty Hawk Elementary  
School**

And the Southern Shores Police Department will be there! We will have more give-a- ways, prizes, games and lots and lots of fun. You might get the chance to "Dunk A Cop!" And as always, we will have plenty of crime prevention tips and safety information.

So come on out and see us. Get your fingerprints taken! Get ready for Halloween and pick up your trick-or-treat bag and a glow stick.

Collect some stickers and play for the chance to win a really cool surf board!

**It Will Be Spooktacular!**



## Congratulations!



Sergeant Jonathan M. Slegel was presented his Advanced Law Enforcement Certification by Chief David M. Kole at the September 23rd council meeting. Sgt. Slegel has over 12 years of law enforcement experience; more than half of those years have been with the Southern Shores Police Department. That experience in combination with more than 700 training hours enabled Sgt. Slegel to meet the standards set forth by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Standards Division. Sgt. Slegel's dedication and commitment to law enforcement have enabled him to achieve a level of professionalism attained by a small percentage of law enforcement officers. We are proud to have Sgt. Slegel as a member of the Southern Shores Team.

Sgt. Jon Slegel receives his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate; his wife, Mihaela and mother, Cynthia attended the presentation.

*Way To Go Sergeant!*

## Home Security Checklist

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted.

### Exterior Doors

- All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house—even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.
- Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.
- If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.
- All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.
- Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.

### Garage and Sliding Door Security

- The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.
- The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.
- Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.
- The sliding glass door has a strong, working key locks.
- A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.
- The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.

### Protecting Windows

- Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.
- Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.



# The Southern Shores Police Department says

be safe on Halloween by using the following tips...

## Trick-or-Treaters

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on Sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.



## Parents

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out.
- Children should carry quarters or a cell phone so they can call home.
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.
- You should know where they're going.
- Tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

## Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses and flower pots that can trip the young ones.
- Pets may get frightened; put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.
- Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.
- Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later.
- Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins.

# Happy Halloween!



## Outdoor Security

- Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.
- There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.
- Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.
- Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.
- Outdoor lights are on in the evening-whether someone is at home or not or a photocell or motion sensitive lighting system has been installed.
- Our house number is clearly displayed so emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.

## Security When Away From Home

- At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence, when we are away from home for an extended time period.
- The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.
- Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor!
- friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time.
- A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.

## Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

- Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.
- Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.
- Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.
- Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.
- Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute.
- Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.
- Valuable items, such as television, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with identifying number approved by local police.
- Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house.



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From the desk of...

Another Summer has come and gone and a new Fall is here. The police department will be participating in the annual Fall carnival at Kitty Hawk Elementary School, we will also have extra patrols out for Halloween again this year. I would like to thank our employees especially the police officers and Community Resource officer for their hard work and dedication over this past summer. This summer was extremely busy, and we were short handed; these officers stepped up to fill the void and for that I thank them.

*David M. Kole*

