2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Chief's Statement

2017 brought a 15% increase in calls for service over the prior year. The month of July, once again, proved to be the busiest "summer" month. You will notice that, beginning in October, the calls for service increased significantly as we changed the way we were reporting some of our calls for service. For example, officers are required to perform business/property checks during their tours of duty. This means that the officer(s) check each business/property by physically checking the doors/windows to ensure they're locked. In the past, some officers counted the Market Place as one business/property check even though they had physically checked each business. This change will represent a more accurate reflection of the calls for service each officer performs daily. Officers responded to an average of 1060 calls for service per month. The total number of motor vehicle accidents remained at almost the same level as last year. July was the highest month for traffic accidents with a total of 14 and January being the lowest with 0 traffic accidents. The highest traffic accident location was Duck Rd. with 34 and the time of day with the highest number of traffic accidents was between 1pm and 4pm with a total of 15 crashes. Reported crimes were very similar to last year, showing a slight decrease from 197 to 193. We had a 35% decrease in criminal arrests compared to last year. Traffic citations and warning citations also saw a decrease.

It is important to note that even though we saw some reductions in areas that included criminal arrests and traffic violation enforcement, we were also short two police officers for much of the year. One was out 6 months on medical leave and another had to resign and move back home to attend to his ailing mother. Even with the shortage of manpower through most of the summer months, officers continued to provide exceptional police services to both the residents and vacationing visitors. Officer Tracy Mann, who is our School Resource Officer, continues to interact with the students and staff daily, which includes teaching classes regarding anti-bullying and internet safety as well as being another resource for the teachers to utilize. Officer Mann spends countless hours of her own time assisting and participating in numerous after school programs throughout the school year. Officer Mann continues to teach DARE; several hundred children have successfully graduated from this class over the last two years. Patrol officers continue to visit and walk through the school on a daily basis. Officers also continue to be proactive by patrolling the neighborhoods and increasing their foot patrols which result in the officers getting out of the patrol cars more frequently and walking the business districts.

We continue to train and educate our officers; this year was no exception. We conducted several "Active Shooter" training segments at Kitty Hawk Elementary School that included joint training with Kitty Hawk Police Department, Duck Police Department and Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department. We have also begun working with the new School Superintendent, and have addressed issues we had regarding Kitty Hawk Elementary School. The outcome of these meetings has been very positive.

I would like to personally thank all the members of the police department for the hard work and dedication each of them exhibits daily, and a special thanks to our Administrative Assistant Jennifer Couture for assisting in putting this report together. I would also like to thank the Town Manager for his sincere support and assistance as well as the Town Council and Community for their continued support.

Sincerely,

David M. Kole
Chief of Police

Town of Southern Shores

Mayor	*Tom Bennett*
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Town Manager	*Peter Rascoe*

Chief of Police	*David M. Kole*
Police Lieutenant	*Jon Slegel*
Police Sergeants	*Brad Eilert* *Matt Cooke*
Police Officers	*Darrell Brickhouse* *Jeremy Hemilright* *Tracy Mann* *Eddie McKeever* *George Farrow* *Ryan Jones* *Jamie Hines* *Eric Brinkley*
Administrative Assistant	*Jennifer Couture*

2017 Monthly Calls for Service

Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
ABC Violation					2								
Accident	3	5	3	8	7	12	22	14	6	2	11	3	**96**
Alarm	16	19	30	15	32	32	14	19	18	22	13	21	**251**
Animal Call	4	6	5	8	10	11	10	5	9	11	6	4	**89**
Assault	2				1	1	1		1			1	**7**
Assist Motorist	3	3	6	4	6	9	15	6	3	4	5	5	**69**
Assist Other Agency	7	8	7	8	5	9	9	7	4	6	5	8	**83**
Attempt To Locate	3			1	1				1	1			**7**
Beach Patrol						33	30	25	12				**100**
BOLO							1			1			**2**
Breaking & Entering	1	2		2	10	4	3	9	2	4	5	4	**46**
Business Check	193	185	186	147	194	204	196	161	176	1050	1062	845	**4599**
Careless & Reckless	3	3	2	6	8	14	17	10	5	6	3	8	**85**
Community Policing	11	6	3	12	12	17	18	9	14	143	138	108	**491**
Disorderly Conduct					2		1	3	1	1	1		**9**
Dispute	2	2	5	3	1	2	3	4	5	4	1	2	**34**
Domestic		2	1	1	2	5	2	7	3	1	1	5	**30**
E911 Hangup	4	5	2	4	3	9	5	7	12	4	3	2	**60**
EMS	14	18	30	25	23	15	25	32	19	19	20	21	**261**
Escort	3		2	3	2	2	1		1	3	2	1	**20**
Extra Patrol	162	100	133	118	91	135	120	97	83	345	82	61	**1527**
Fingerprinting			2	1	1	1		1	2	2	1		**11**
Fire Call	2	2	5	4	6	8	14	9	8	5	2	1	**66**
Follow Up	6	9	14	12	20	18	20	12	9	20	33	28	**201**
Foot Patrol	53	52	39	34	44	57	62	44	80	65	47	32	**609**

2017 Monthly Calls for Service

Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Found Property	4	1	1		8	2	6	5	1	3	2	2	**35**
Fraud	3	5	1	1	2		10	3	2	2	6	1	**36**
Harrassing Phone Calls	1			1		1							**3**
Improperly Parked Vehicle	2	11	24	34	21	38	50	17	11	19	5	10	**242**
Injury To Property	1	2	1	4		1	4	1	2	1	1	1	**19**
Investigation	2	1		2	6		2			3	3	2	**21**
Juvenile		1	2	1	1				1	1	2		**9**
Larceny	3	4	2	2	3	8	6	5		1	3	2	**39**
Mental Person	1					1			1	1			**4**
Missing Person							1						**1**
Mutual Aid	6	2	3	3	1	9	4	4		2	3	4	**41**
Noise Complaint	2	1	3	5	5	4	8	5	5	4	3	1	**46**
Open Door	6	8	2	8	10	9	3	6	2	12	7	3	**76**
Other	6	8	4	21	31	42	49	44	24	25	11	22	**287**
Property Check	95	72	83	84	36	19	22	19	50	74	92	153	**799**
Pyrotechnics						3	7	3	1				**14**
Schedule Violation		2	1		1	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	**19**
Suicide				1								1	**2**
Suspicious Condition	27	14	19	16	16	28	37	33	30	24	21	28	**293**
Talk With Officer	31	51	24	21	36	53	50	22	28	28	13	15	**372**
Town Code Violation	1	1	1	3	5	5	5	4	3	2	1		**31**
Traffic Direct	44	39	49	36	70	30	17	16	37	64	52	31	**485**
Traffic Stop	39	54	64	89	125	110	155	92	48	65	74	61	**976**
Trespassing		1			1		2	2	1				**7**
Unauthorized Use													**0**

2017 Monthly Calls for Service

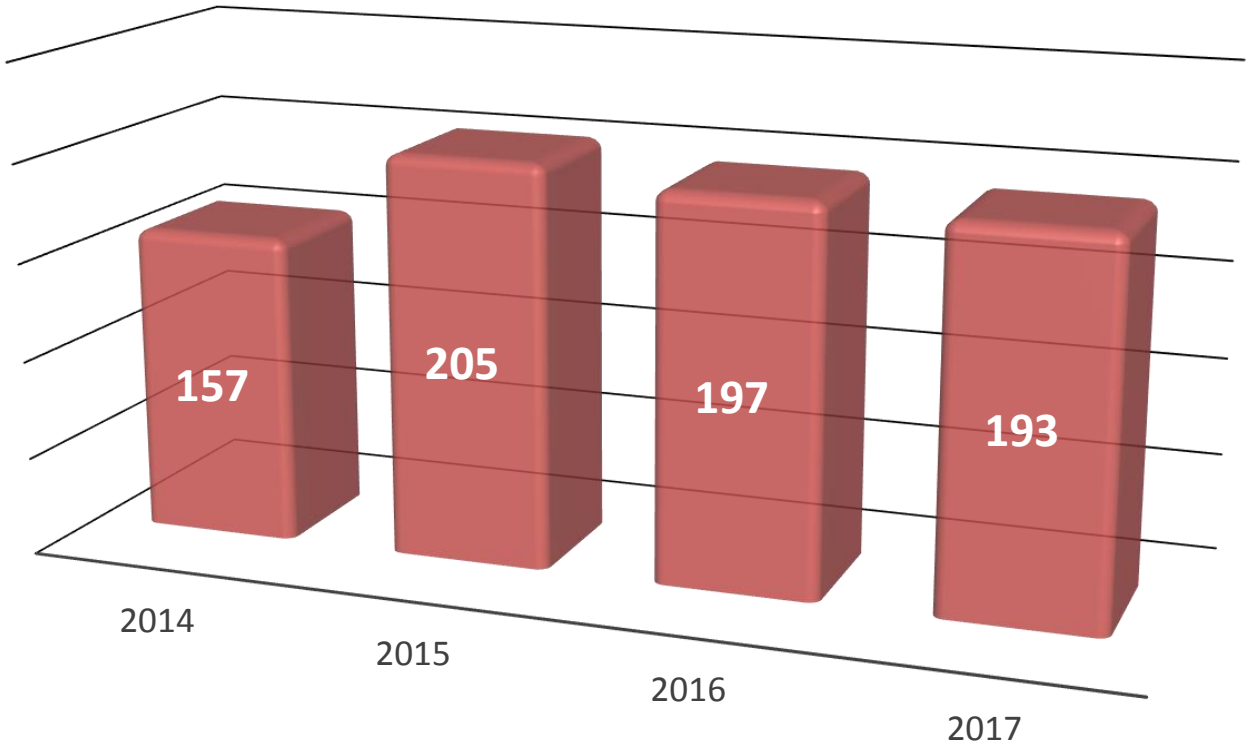
Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Unlock Vehicle	3	1			1	2	4	3		1	4	4	**23**
Warrant Served	1		2	1	2	5	2	1		1		2	**17**
Water Rescue					1		4	4					**9**
Welfare Check	0	1	1	4	3	2		4	2	5	3	1	**26**
Total	**770**	**707**	**762**	**753**	**868**	**972**	**1038**	**776**	**726**	**2059**	**1750**	**1506**	**12687**

Calls For Service
11,121
11,373
11,072
12,687
2014
2015
2016
2017
4 Year Comparison

2017 Crimes Reported

Crime / Offense	Total Reported	Cleared	Percentage Cleared
Aggravated Assault	2	1	50.0%
Burglary	19	1	5.3%
Larceny	51	7	13.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	1	50.0%
Simple Assault	10	8	80.0%
Arson	1	1	100.0%
Forgery	2	0	0.0%
Counterfeiting	2	0	0.0%
Fraud	11	0	0.0%
Criminal Damage to Property	11	3	27.3%
Other Weapons Violations	1	0	0.0%
Sexual Assault	1	1	100.0%
Drug Violations	20	19	95.0%
DWI	14	13	93.0%
Drunk & Disruptive	1	1	100.0%
Kidnapping	1	1	100.0%
Trespassing	3	3	100.0%
City Ordinance Violations	1	1	100.0%
All Other Offenses	8	8	100.0%
All Traffic	7	4	57.1%
Suicide	3	3	100.0%
Involuntary Commitment	2	2	100.0%
Calls For Service	20	8	40.0%
TOTAL	**193**	**86**	**45.60%**

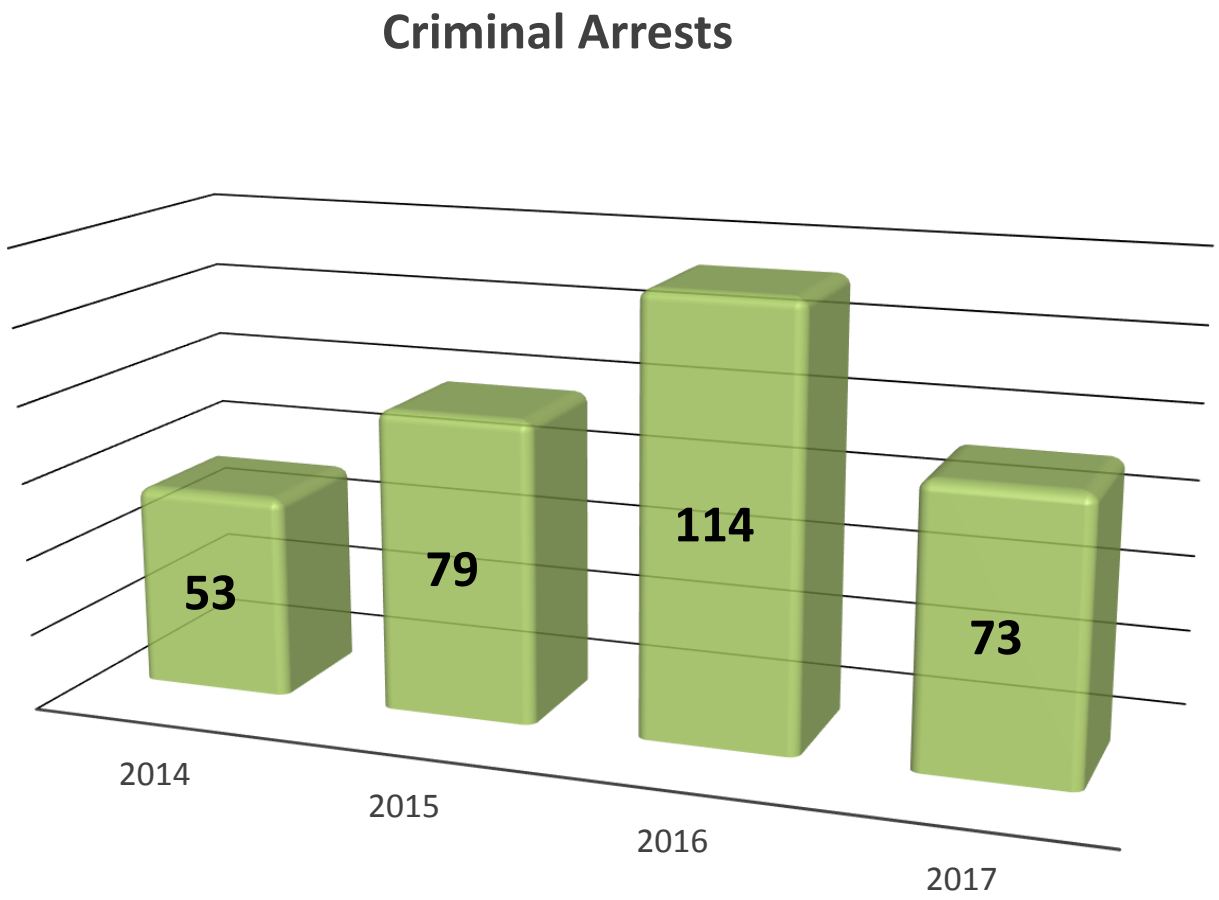
Crimes Reported



4 Year Comparison

2017 Criminal Arrests

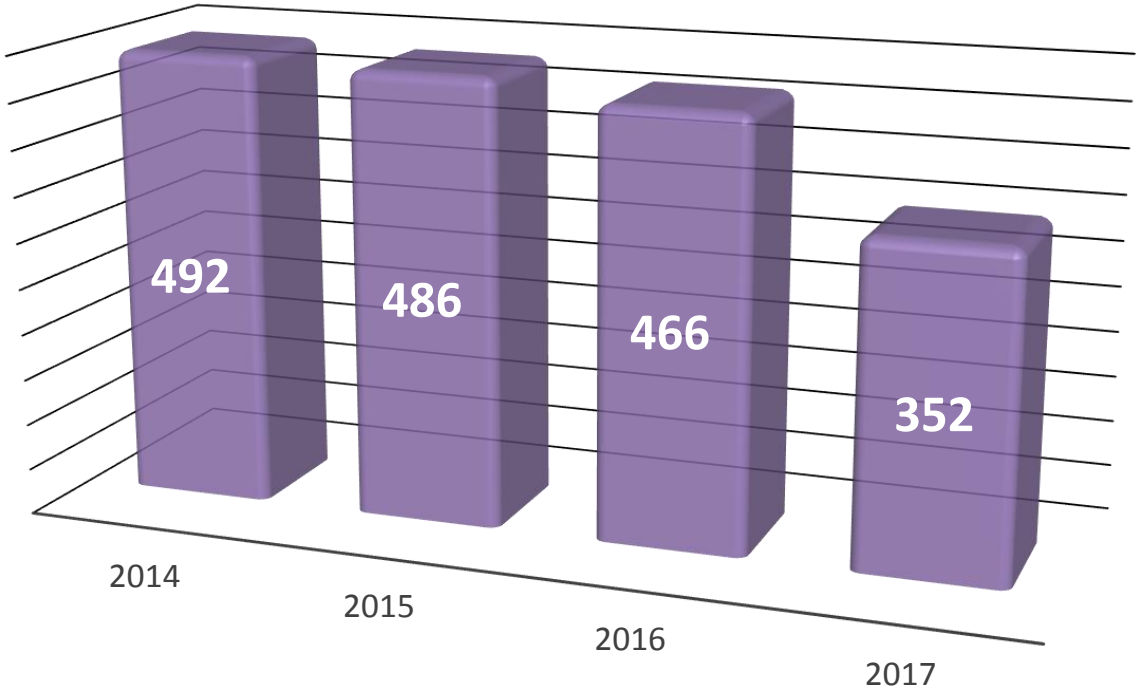
Crime / Offense	Arrest Totals
Aggravated Assault	2
Burglary	2
Larceny	4
Simple Assault	5
Arson	1
Possessing/Concealing Stolen Property	2
Criminal Damage to Property	3
Illegal Discharge of a Firearm	1
Drug Violations	12
Offense Against Family	1
DWI	13
All Other Liquor Law Violations	1
Kidnapping	1
Court Violations	1
Resist Arrest	2
Probation Violations	1
Trespassing	1
All Other Offenses	11
All Traffic	9
TOTAL	**73**


Criminal Arrests
53
79
114
73
2014
2015
2016
2017
4 Year Comparison

2017 Citations Issued

Violations	Total Issued
Speeding	114
Seat Belt	8
Passenger Seat Belt - Juvenile	1
No Operators License	26
Driving While License Revoked	8
Expired Registration	28
Inspection Violation	7
Unsafe Movement	9
Failure to Stop (Stop Sign/Flashing Red Light)	20
Running Red Light	4
No Insurance	1
Possess/Consume Alcohol - Passenger	1
Failure to Reduce Speed	15
Other (Infraction)	65
Other (2nd Charge - Infraction)	45
TOTAL	**352**

Vehicle Traffic Violations

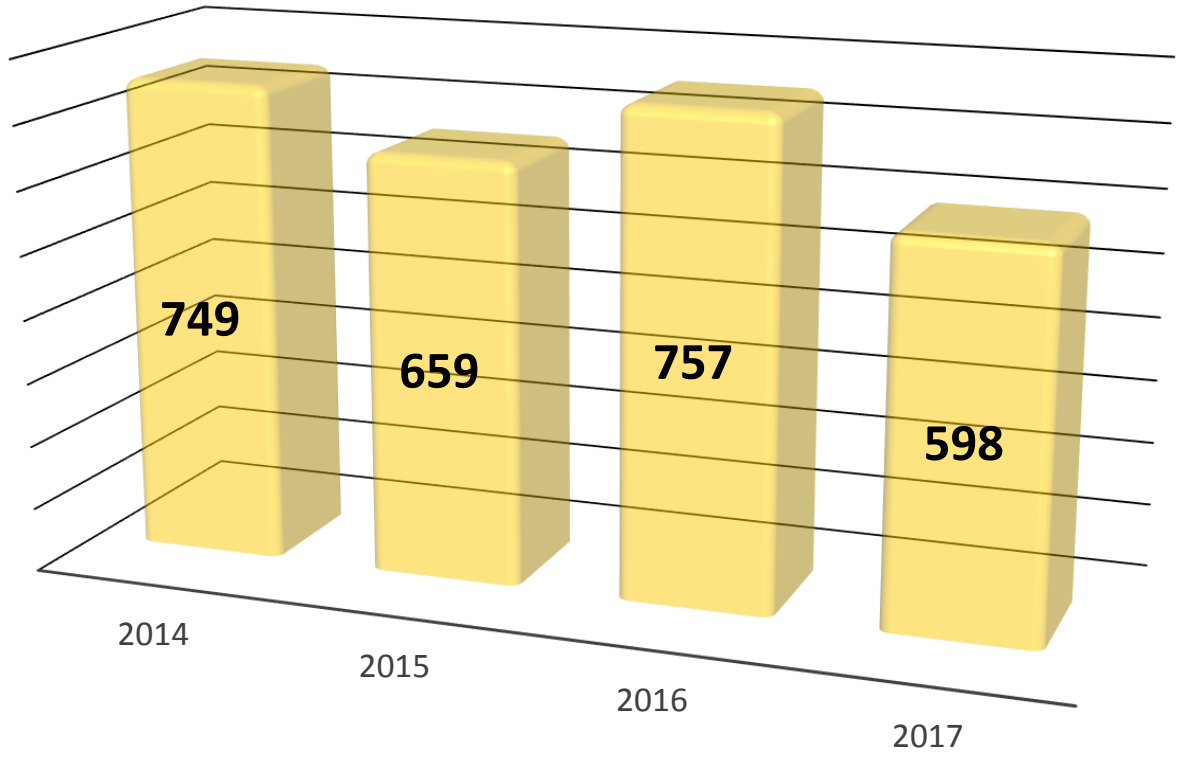


4 Year Comparison

2017 Warning Tickets Issued

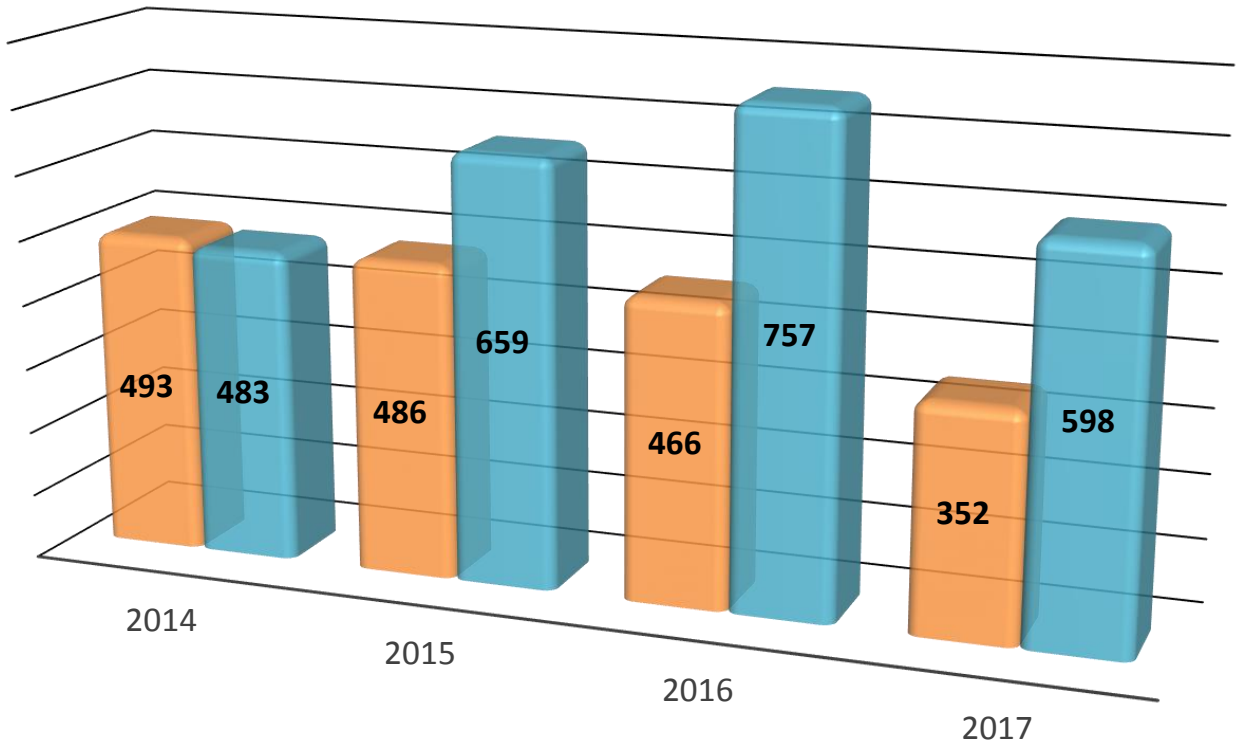
Violations	Total Issued
Driver's License Violation	14
Failure to Wear Seatbelts	24
Failure To Yield	0
Following Too Closely	7
Impeding Traffic	1
Improper Passing	4
Improper Turn on Red	1
Inspection Violation	14
Left Of Center	13
Littering	0
No Insurance	6
Pedestrian Violation	1
Registration Violation	57
Speeding	284
Stop Sign/Signal	60
Unsafe Movement	14
Other	14
Equipment Violation	84
TOTAL	**598**

Warning Tickets Issued

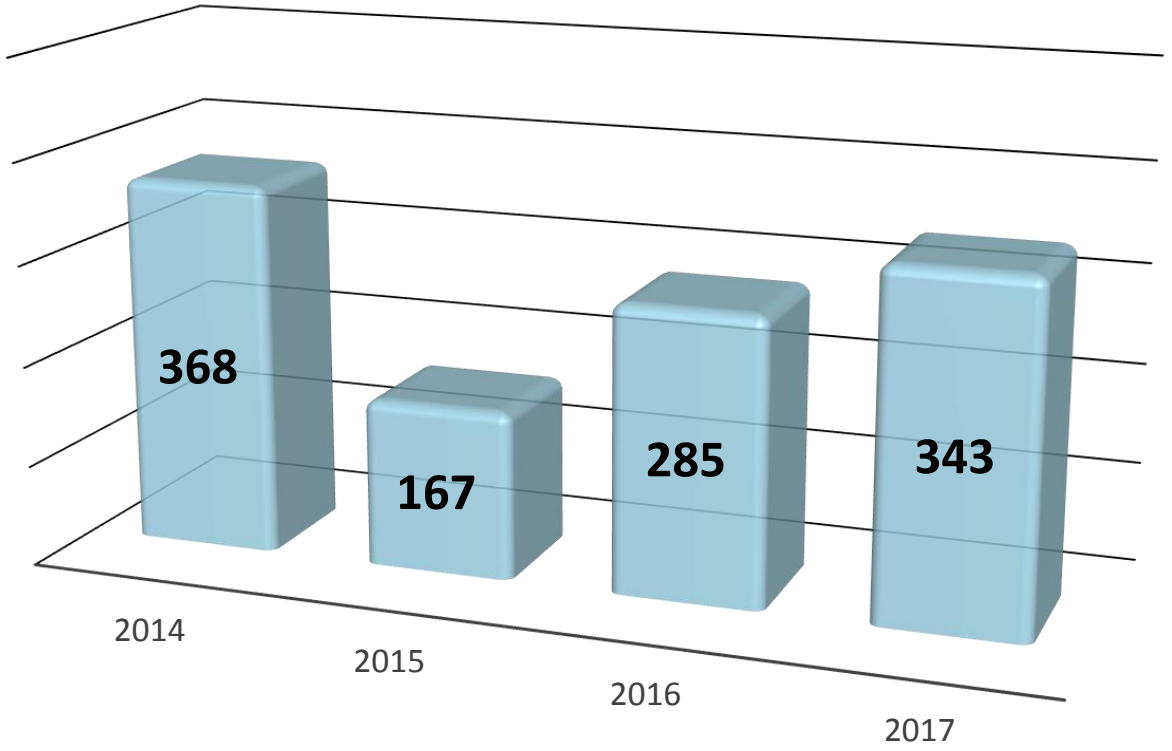


4 Year Comparison

Traffic Citations & Warnings



Parking Violations

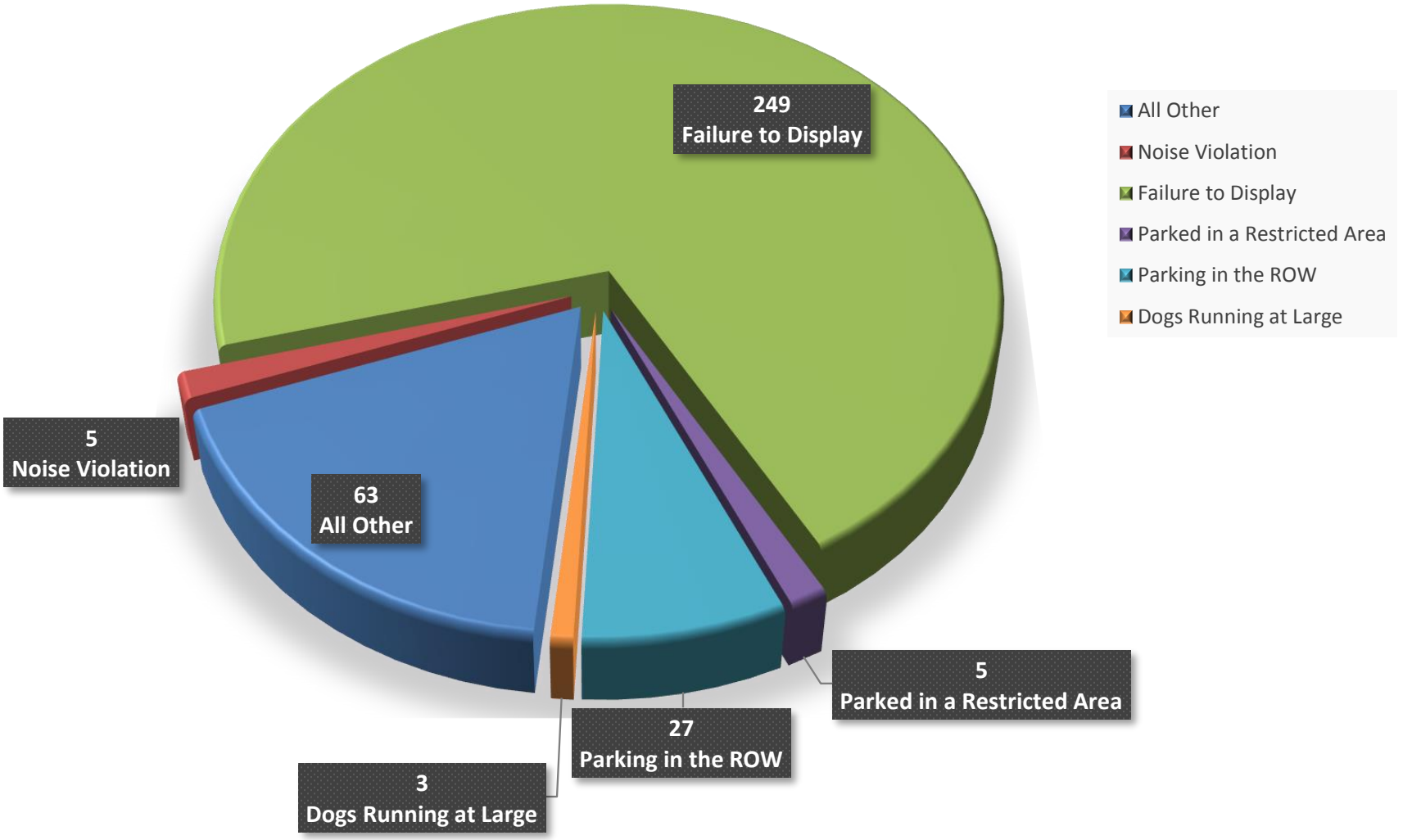


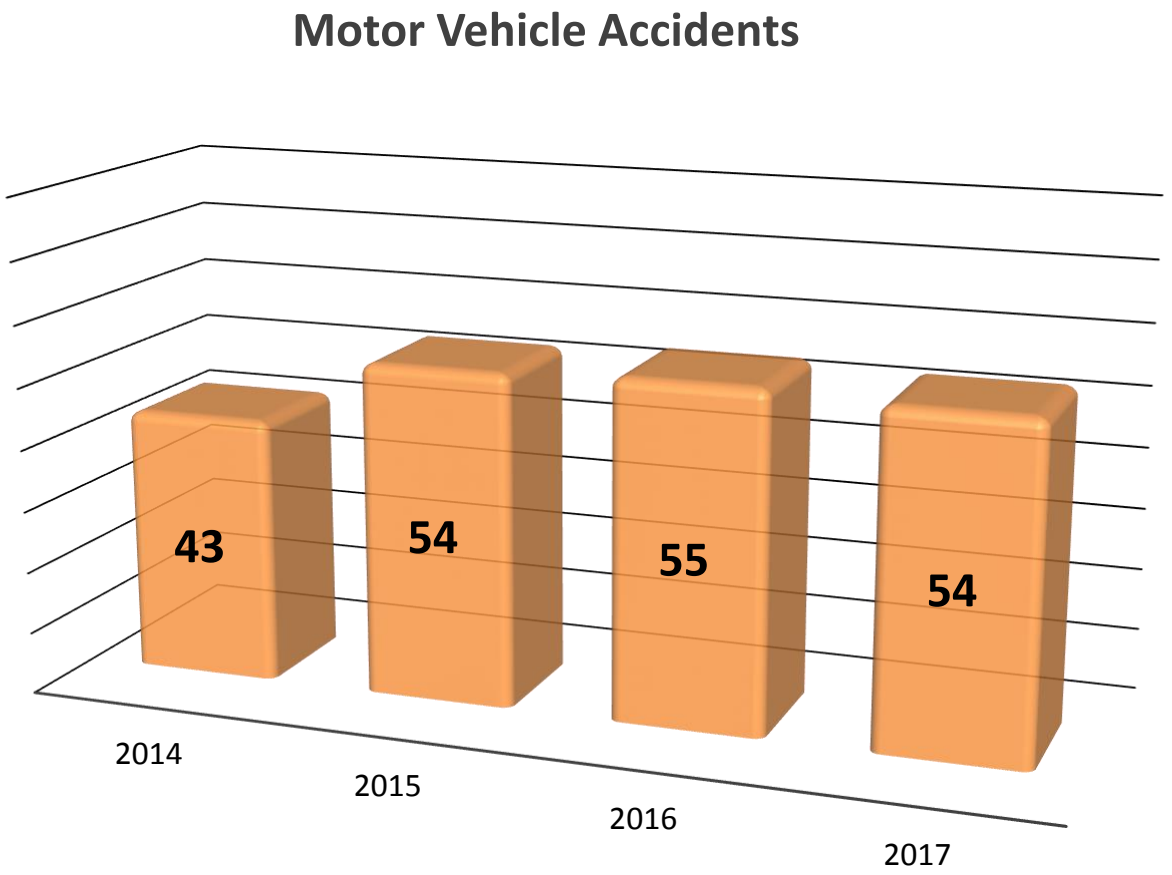
4 Year Comparison

2017 Local Ordinance Violations Issued

Violations	Total Issued
Dogs Running at Large	3
Noise Violation	5
Permit expired	53
Other	10
Failure to Display Permit	249
Parked in Restricted Area	5
Parking in ROW	27
TOTAL	352

Local Ordinance Violations




Motor Vehicle Accidents
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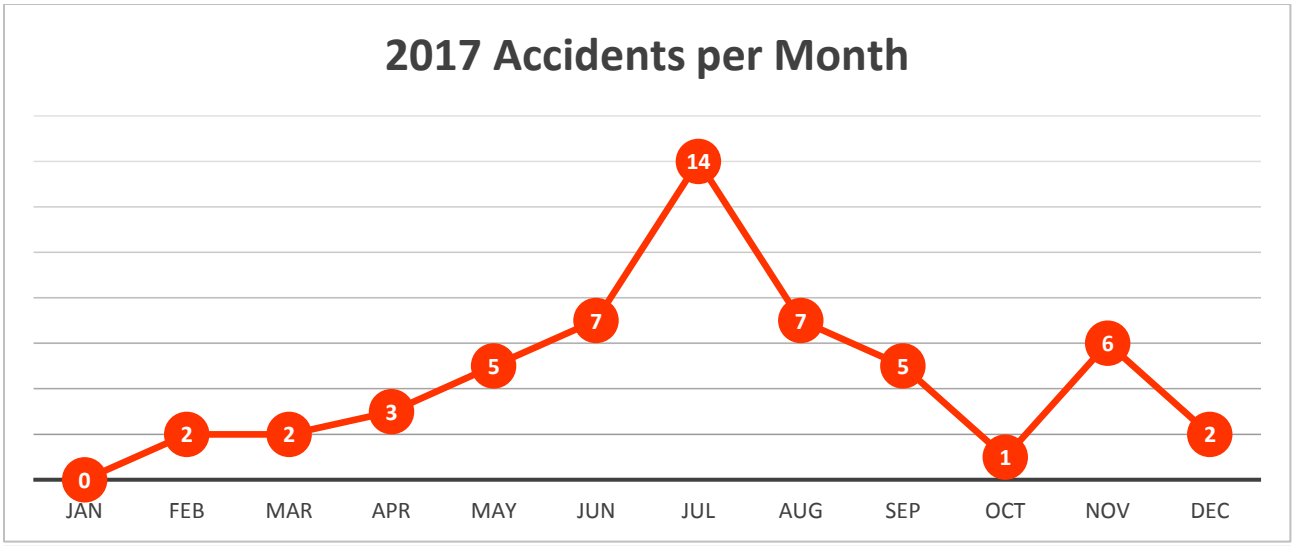
4 Year Comparison


2017 Accidents per Month
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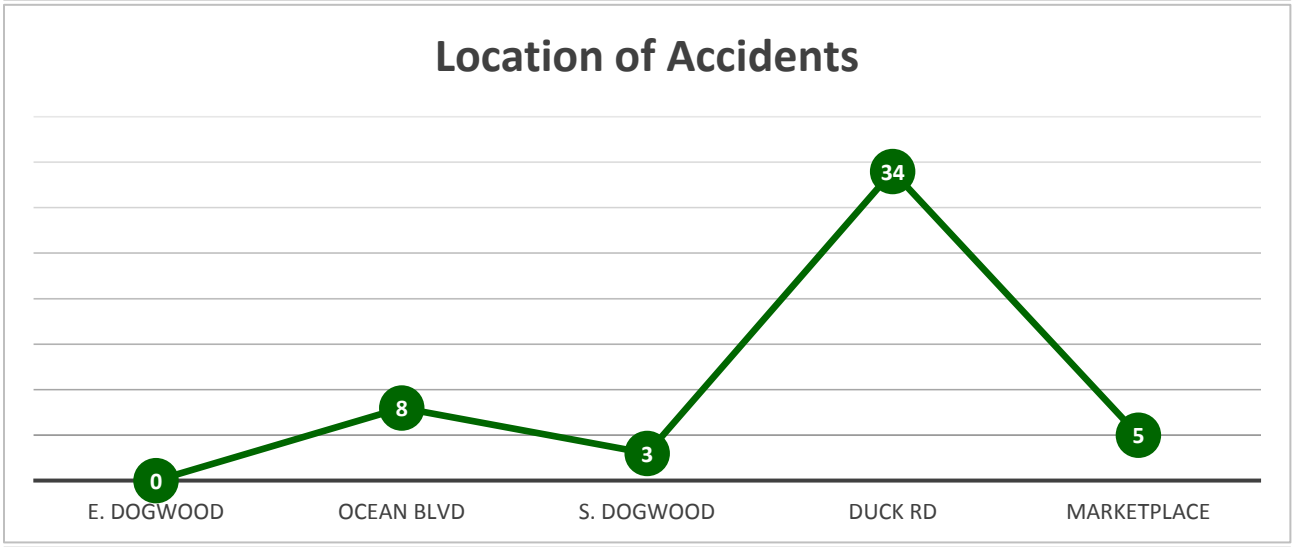
Location of Accidents
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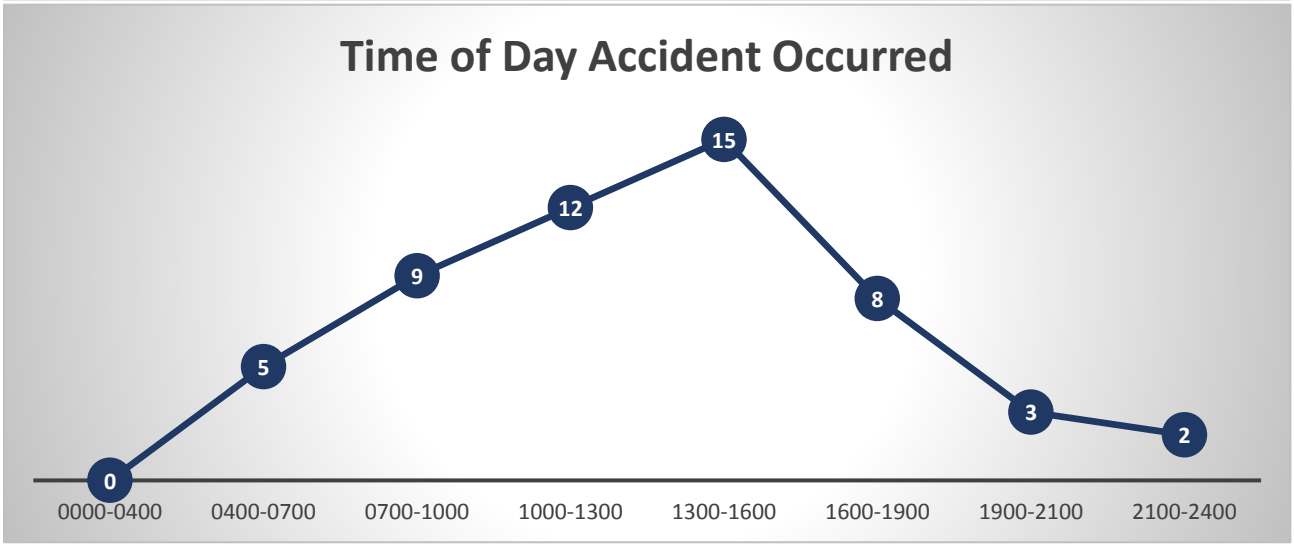
S. DOGWOOD
DUCK RD
MARKETPLACE


Time of Day Accident Occurred
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0700-1000
1000-1300
1300-1600
1600-1900
1900-2100
2100-2400

2017

Community Oriented Policing

Master Patrol Officer Eddie McKeever was recognized at the September 5, 2017 Council meeting for receiving Traffic Enforcement & Investigation Certification. Certification requires 500 hours of classroom and is awarded by the N.C. Justice Academy. “This program is designed to recognize the achievement of law enforcement professionals who have dedicated themselves to making the highways safer for our citizens. Officers, upon completion of the program, will have mastered several important aspects of traffic enforcement and related topics, thus achieving a high level of professionalism for themselves as well as their department.”

Patrol Officer Jamie Hines was also introduced at the September 5, 2017 Council meeting as the newest member of the Southern Shores Police Department. Officer Hines was born & raised in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. He attended Manteo & First Flight High School, where he graduated in 2005. Officer Hines Graduated from COA Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy in 2012. He began his Law Enforcement career with the Town Kitty Hawk Police Department in 2013. Officer Hines was selected after an in-depth interview process that consisted of 15 potential candidates.

Senior Patrol Officer Ryan Jones was recognized at the October 3, 2017 Council meeting for receiving his Advanced Law Enforcement Certification. Professional certifications are awarded by North Carolina Training and Standards and are achieved through a combination of experience, education and training. Many officers spend their entire careers attempting to reach this goal. It is a testament to Officer Jones' education and training efforts that he was able to obtain his Advanced Certification so quickly.

The Southern Shores Police Department, once again, participated in the annual Kitty Hawk Elementary School Fall Carnival. The officers were on hand to provide child fingerprinting, the bean bag toss, and the annual bicycle raffle with the proceed going to the KHE PTO.

A boy and a girl's bicycle is donated each year by Walmart for the Southern Shores Police Department to raise money for Kitty Hawk Elementary School.

One of the winners of the 2017 Fall Carnival bicycle raffle.

The bean bag toss is fun for kids of all ages!

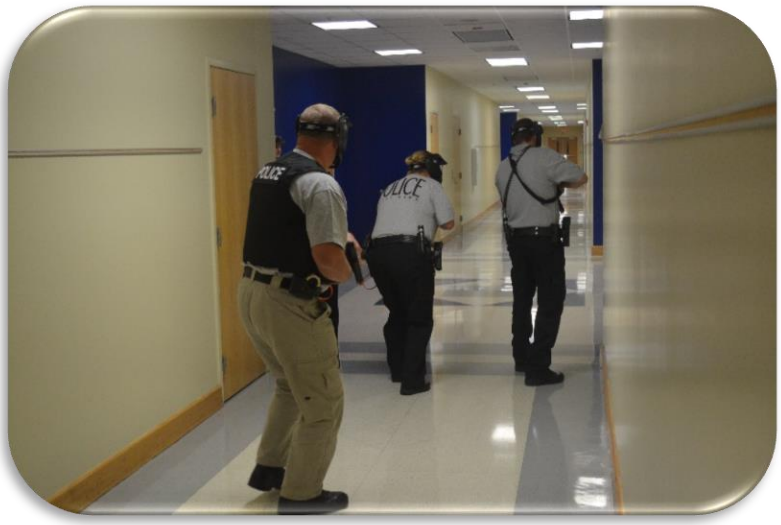
Congratulations to Officer Ryan Jones who was awarded Officer of the year for 2016. Officer Jones received his award at the department's annual awards luncheon and was chosen by his peers to receive this honor for outstanding performance throughout the year.

Congratulations to Officer Mike Theetge (not pictured) who Received the Top Gun Award to having the highest average firearm score throughout the year. Officer Eric Brinkley received the second place Shooters Award for having the second highest average firearms scores throughout the year.

Lt. Jon Slegel (next page) and Officer George Farrow tied for the third place Shooters Award for having the third highest average firearms scores for the year. The competition between all of our officers is tough as they are all excellent shooters. Sometimes only a few tenths of a point is all that separates these officers in terms of having a better score.

At least twice a year, the Southern Shores Police Department conducts active shooter training at Kitty Hawk Elementary school.

This training is in response to unfortunate incidents occurring around the country and while we hope to never have to use this training, the Southern Shores Police Department will do everything possible to be prepared for the worst.



This training is occasionally conducted jointly with the Duck Police Department and the Kitty Hawk Police Department. These two departments will be there to assist us in the event of any critical incident so joint training is key for our separate agencies to work as a single entity.

Southern Shores hosted regional training for the West Point Leadership Program. The West Point Leadership Program is adapted from the Military Leadership Course (PL300) that all Cadets at the United States Military Academy complete in their third year of study.

The course has been adapted for use in non-military organizations. This is an academically rigorous course that relies heavily on the case study method of learning. The course examines and integrates leadership in organizations from four perspectives: the individual, the group, the leader, and the organization.

Southern Shores once again participated in the annual Shop with A Cop along with other agencies in Dare County and sponsored by the Sgt. Earl Murray Children's Christmas Fund. This yearly tradition is done in the seasonal spirit of giving to assist local families in need so that they can have a happy holiday.