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Newsletter**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

What's New on the Police Front

Construction at our new headquarters is complete.

*We are "Very Happy" to
announce that we are now open
to the public!!*

Our Grand Opening Ceremony is scheduled for
Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 10:00AM.



Know Your Southeast (SE) Patrol Personnel

Each month we would like to introduce you to one of the officers serving your community. This month we would like to introduce you to Officer Roger A. Warf.

Officer Warf has been with the Wilmington Police Department for 2 years. He has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Guilford Technical Community College and served with the U.S. Air Force Security Forces for 6 years. Officer Warf currently holds Law Enforcement Certifications in RADAR and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE). In his off-duty time he enjoys fishing, working out at the gym and is training in Mixed Martial Arts. Officer Warf is currently assigned to District 5.



Officer Roger A. Warf

Police Beat

The officers in the SE division continue to be extremely busy and productive. Below is an end of month breakdown of SE Patrol activity for December 2008.

5,445 – Number of calls for service SE Patrol Division Officers responded to during December 2008. **This number includes 2,299 calls that were officer initiated.**

Arrests:

- 2 – Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill Inflicting Serious Injury
- 1 – Armed Robbery
- 2– 1st Degree Kidnapping
- 5– Breaking and Entering
- 1– Possession of Burglary Tools
- 1 – Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
- 5– Narcotics Related
- 2 – Resisting Arrest/Assault on Law Enforcement Officer
- 13 – Assaults
- 46– Larceny/Shoplifting/Larceny by Employee
- 27– Traffic Related (DWI, Driving During Revocation, Speeding)
- 12– Quality of Life Violations (begging, trespass, property damage, etc.)
- 123 - Warrants served

District 5:

Wal-mart was the location of WPD's Santa Cop Program. Officers were able to treat 53 children to shopping for Christmas presents. The participants ranged in age from infants to seventh graders. Each child received \$80 to spend, courtesy of donations made to the Wilmington Police Recreation Association. The focus of the gift buying was warm clothing, coats, shoes, and a toy or two.

Unfortunately, prior to Santa Cop starting one of the Wal-mart greeters had a heart attack in the store. Fortunately, Officer Justin Ovaska was nearby waiting for Santa Cop to start and immediately began CPR on the victim. We are happy to report that because of Officer Ovaska's quick actions the gentleman is recovering.

A text-a-tip resulted in the arrest of an individual with outstanding warrants being arrested at a motel in District 5.

Operation Holiday 2008 wrapped up with positive feedback received from shoppers, business owners, and a noticeable decrease in robberies in the targeted areas. Additionally, District 5 end of year stats compared to 2007 revealed robberies and motor vehicle thefts were down; however burglaries/breaking & entering and assaults were up. Three individuals were recently arrested and a fourth is being sought in reference to breaking and enterings occurring in Landfall. There has also been a rash of breaking and enterings occurring in the areas around Racine Dr., Randall Pkwy., and Lullwater Dr. WPD does have a suspect in these crimes and we are aggressively working these cases. The vast majority of victims left valuables in plain view inside their cars and left their car and/or home unsecured. Please help us by securing your property and taking valuables either into your residence or placing them in the trunk of your car.

Several instrumental arrests have been made by WPD during December/January which are summarized below; some of these individuals have multiple charges for crimes committed in District 5.

Suspect	Address	Crime	Crime Location
Alfredo Gonzalez	Hooker Rd.	B&E Auto	127 S. College Rd.
Jonathan Kiger	Dunbar Rd.	B&E Auto	Landfall
Kylen Padgett	Bailey Ave.	B&E Auto	Landfall
Heather Strider	Park Ave.	B&E Auto	Landfall
Sylvester Ogundeji	Racine Dr.	ADWITKISI	Racine Dr.

District 6:

The officers assigned to District 6 were very busy this past month. In addition to assisting with Santa-Cop, they also provided additional manpower to SE Patrol’s Holiday Operation to deter crime through the holiday season.

During December 2008 and into January 2009, officers located and were instrumental in dislocating two very large homeless camps. One of the camps was established behind the Food Lion Store at the corner of Independence Blvd. and Carolina Beach Rd. Another, that was very well established, complete with storage tents, out side toilet facilities, kitchen area, and even some small Christmas decorating, was removed with the assistance of City Code Enforcement Officers and the property owners. Both of these areas have been cleaned up and are being monitored regularly. The Wilmington Police Department does offer assistance to the homeless through various resources in the city when they are displaced.

Bethel Park, 3500 Blk of Bethel Rd. has been renamed by the city to “Wade Park”. The park is already being utilized by many of the residents in the area and will receive an official grand opening soon. However, in that construction in the park has been completed, we are still having signs of vandalism, property damage and complaints of harassment toward patrons by juveniles/teenagers in the park in the evening hours. The WPD Intelligence Unit and Career Criminal/Gang Unit are working to help identify these individuals and have them trespassed from the park. The SABLE Unit (helicopter) is doing more frequent fly-over’s utilizing the Infrared Technology to identify individuals in all city parks at night causing problems. With the equipment we have available and more operations to come, WPD personnel are doing everything possible to make the park user friendly for the community. No one group of people own the park, the community owns the park!! If you are harassed or feel threatened by anyone in our parks, please report same by calling 911 as soon as possible.

Additionally, the Model Block Program for District 6 will be shifting during the month of February 2009. In the next news letter the areas of concentration will be outlined more in depth. The selected areas according to statistics are experiencing an increase in criminal activity and need direct and increased attention. Action Plans are being developed and will be implemented soon. In brief the Model Block areas will be in the vicinity of George Anderson Dr., Saint Andrews Dr., Bexley Dr., Wrightsville Ave., MacMillan Dr., and Rainbow Dr. etc. Officers will be coming to these neighborhoods in the next few weeks to meet and see what we can do to help you feel safer.

Also, District 6 end of year stats compared to 2007 revealed assaults and thefts/larcenies were down; robberies, burglaries/breaking & entering and motor vehicle thefts were up. Overall, the crime rate based on the end of year statistics was down for District 6 by -7%. Let's all work together to bring this down even more for District 6 in 2009!! Please report any suspicious activity immediately. Waiting until tomorrow may be too late!!

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Dallas Lynn Brady	Masonboro Loop Rd.	Assault/Weapon Offense	Masonboro Loop Rd.
Paul A. Humphrey II	Rose Ave.	ADWITKISI/Resist Arrest	Windemere Rd.
William M. Jones	Fayetteville, NC	Armed Robbery	Rainbow Dr.
Michael A. Gianni	Fayetteville, NC	Armed Robbery	Rainbow Dr.
Gustavo S. Roque	Park Ave.	ADWISI	Oleander Dr.

Recent/Upcoming events:

- January 7th – Landfall Security Council
- January 8th – Landfall Spring Festival
- January 8th/9th – Treybrooke HOA Mtg.
- January 14th – UNCW Task Force Mtg.
- January 20th – Parsley Woods Community Watch Mtg.
- February 18th – Grand Opening Southeast Patrol Division Facility
- February – Bexley Dr. residents meeting (To Be Scheduled)



Treybrooke HOA had the distinction of being the first group of citizens to meet at SE Command. Their meeting was held in the officer's line-up room.

Traffic Enforcement Locations for the Month of December 08/January 09:

Greenville Loop Rd.	Disney Dr.	Treybrooke Dr.	Parkway Dr.
Amber Dr.	Wrightsville Ave.	George Anderson Dr.	Hooker Rd.
MacMillan Ave.	Greenville Ave.	Masonboro Loop Rd.	Holly Tree

Crime Prevention

This month we are providing a few Burglary Crime Prevention Tips to help make a burglar's job harder. This information comes from The North Carolina Governor's Crime Prevention Bulletin.

Physical security constitutes 90 percent of burglary prevention. If your building is locked and unauthorized entry is made difficult, time consuming, and conspicuous, chances of a successful burglary are minimized.

Your NCDL number should be engraved on enticing objects. Keep accurate records of serial numbers on all items to help in recovery.

Locks on all outside entrances and inside security doors should be double-cylinder deadbolts with movable collars. They should be recessed into the door and should have at least a one-inch throw containing a hardened steel insert protected by a latch guard. Padlocks should be made of hardened steel and mounted on bolted hasps. Keep them locked to prevent exchange. File off serial numbers to prevent new keys being made.

Door jams must be solid. Exposed hinges should be pinned to prevent removal. Windows should have secure locks and burglar-resistant glass.

Lights must provide optimum visibility inside and out, with vandal-proof covers over the outside lights and power source. The perimeter must be well-lit, especially around all entry points.

Alarm systems should be supplied by a licensed alarm company with a central monitoring station. Check the system on a daily basis. Advertise its presence to deter break-ins.

Maintain good visibility. Landscaping, boxes, and trash bins near the building can give a criminal cover or access to the roof. Check your building exterior (roof, cellar, walls, etc.); secure all openings larger than 12x12.

Burglary Prevention Checklist for Homes

Survey your home with this checklist. Every "no" checkmark shows a weak point that may help a burglar. As you eliminate the "no" checks, you improve your protection. Go through this list carefully and systematically. Look over this situation in the daytime, when most house burglars work, as well as at night. Remember this checklist only points out your weak points. You are not protected until these are corrected. Complying with these suggestions will not, of course, make you property burglar proof, but will certainly improve your protection.

Doors	Yes - No
1. Are your wooden doors solid or reinforced?	O - O
2. Are the locks on your most used outside doors of the cylinder type?	O - O
3. Are they of either the deadlocking or jimmy-proof type?	O - O
4. Are your doors' locks protected from attack by breaking out glass or a panel of light wood?	O - O
5. Do you use chain locks or other auxiliary locks on all outside doors?	O - O
6. Do the doors without cylinder locks have a heavy bolt or similar secure device that can be operated only from the side?	O - O
7. Can all of your doors (basement, porch, French balcony) be securely locked?	O - O
8. Do your basement doors have locks that allow you to isolate that part of your house?	O - O
9. Are your locks all in good working condition?	O - O
10. Do you know everyone who has a key to your house? (Or are there still some in possession of previous owners and their employees and friends?)	O - O

Next month we will continue with more safety tips and check lists for your home.

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