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June 2009 Newsletter

What's New on the Police Front

Dear Friends,

In July 2008, I was appointed as the new Southeast Patrol Division Commander. The Police Department created two new patrol divisions, Northwest and Southeast, from the existing patrol division. This decision was anchored by the acquisition of 2451 South College Rd with the geographical intent of housing patrol operations in the southern and eastern segments of Wilmington. In addition, I was delegated the duty of renovating the newly purchased property and opening our new facility.

A year later, I am happy to report that effective and responsive police patrols from our new police facility have been fully established. The men and women of this patrol division have initiated many new and innovative ideas such as neighborhood traffic surveys, increased community meetings, bicycle registrations, crime prevention initiatives, focused foot patrols, and neighborhood traffic checkpoints to reduce speeding and criminal activity through visible police presence.

Due to recent WPD retirements, effective July 1, I will be transferred to the Special Operations Division (SABLE, VICE, K9, SERT, Gang, Traffic, etc.) to fill a vacant position. While this new assignment will afford me different challenges and new opportunities, I will be leaving my current position with some reservation. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the men and women of the Southeast Patrol Division. These officers took a chance and volunteered to serve in this new division, and I am very proud of their service and accomplishments. Additionally, I would like to thank my staff for their commitment and support, Lt. Obbie Blanton, Lt. Kathy Cochran, Sgt. Michael Clemmons, Sgt. Mary Green, Sgt. David Yanacek, and Sgt. Ben Kennedy.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the citizens who took a moment to stop by with "treats" for our officers, called and said "thanks" for their service, became active crime prevention members of their neighborhoods and developed relationships with our officers to make our community a better place to live. It has been my pleasure to serve you.

Professional Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Randy Pait'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

WPD Officers getting involved in the community:

Landfall Spring Festival – May 16th, 2009



Festival Participants view S.A.B.L.E



WPD Mounted Unit Participated

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 Cindy M. Salas.

Officer Salas has served with the Wilmington Police Department for 1 ½ years. During this time she has worked patrol and was assigned to the Southeast Patrol Division in July 2008. She has 2 years of post high school education from Cape Fear Community College where she was majoring in Elementary Education before deciding to join the Wilmington Police Department. Officer Salas has attended the Police Law Institute (PLI) which provides advanced education to Police Officers in Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure. In her spare time, Officer Salas likes fishing and camping. She is currently assigned to District 6.



Officer Cindy M. Salas

Police Beat

5,800 - Number of calls for service SE Patrol Division Officers responded to during May 2009. **This number includes 2,327 calls that were officer initiated.**

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 May 2009.

Arrests:

- 5 – Armed Robbery
- 11 – Breaking and Entering (Residential, Business, Auto/Larceny: Misdemeanor & Felon)
- 4 – Narcotics Related
- 2 – Misuse/Interfering with 911
- 2 – Resisting Arrest/Assault on Law Enforcement Officer
- 12 – Assaults
- 38 – Larceny/Shoplifting/Obtaining Property by False Pretense/Poss. Stolen Property
- 2 – Fugitive from Justice (Individual wanted outside of NC)
- 20 – Traffic Related (DWI)
- 8 – Quality of Life Violations (affray; panhandling; trespass; disorderly conduct; etc.)
- 82 – Warrants served (just in Districts 5 & 6)
- 771 – Citations issued (just in Districts 5 & 6 for Traffic Violations/On-view Misdemeanors)

District 5:

District 5 hotspots for the month of May were located in the 200-400 block of S. College Rd. and the 4500 block of Market St. The main crimes occurring at those locations were: larceny from automobiles, larceny, and breaking and entering (B&E) of coin operated machines. These crimes occurred in parking lots of commercial businesses and inside of retail stores. The peak times for these crimes was found to be between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and mainly occurring on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The property targeted during these crimes was cash, purses, and power tools. The crimes continue to be crimes of opportunity. Criminals are targeting victim's who leave their purses unattended in their shopping carts or visible in their cars in parking lots. If you must leave your purse or anything else of value in your car, please lock these items out of sight in the trunk of your car or cover them up so they are not so easily seen.

District 5 officers have held numerous license checking stations in various areas. We also held a bicycle registration recently in the 400 block of Racine Dr. in an attempt to combat a recent rash of bike larcenies. Another bike registration will be held in a different area in upcoming weeks; however, you may bring your bike by SE Patrol at any time and an officer will be glad to register your bike. Thank you to everyone who has called in or sent emails about suspicious persons or activities in their neighborhood. We greatly appreciate your willingness to get involved. Remember the non-emergency number for the 911 Center is 452-6120.

Summarized below are some notable arrests made by officers for crimes committed in District 5.

Suspect	Address	Crime	Crime Location
Kevin Dash	1100 blk Stewart Cir.	B&E Auto	5000 blk Market St.
Arthur Clifford	Homeless	B&E Auto	5000 blk Market St.
Jamaal Q. Davis	Homeless	B&E Auto	400 blk S. College Rd.
Shinita Taylor	5800 Market St.	Robbery	5800 blk Market St.

District 6:

REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACITIVITY TO 911 IMMEDIATELY!!

The residents of the Southeast Patrol Division are to be commended for the hard work you have been doing. I would like to remind you of a quote previously posted in a newsletter that states:

“The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.”

It is impossible for the police to be everywhere, so without the help of the public our jobs would be more difficult. Recently, the SE Patrol Division has seen an enormous effort by the residents of one community to work with the police to stop a problem with Break-in’s in their neighborhood and to deal with suspicious individuals. They have taken the aforementioned statement and put it to work. By building a community alert list with e-mail connections they have been able to keep not only each other, but the police also, aware of current/recent activities requiring attention. Our office has been receiving so much information regarding suspicious individuals that we have started thinking outside the box, so to speak, on new ways to approach criminal activity. The officers of SE Patrol and Investigators have met and are sharing information, conducting more focused patrols and checking stations to identify individuals frequenting the area. This effort has not been centralized, however we have been working the “hotspot” zones the hardest and hopefully our efforts will pay off in the long run. Not only do we want to prevent any further incidents, we want to apprehend the suspect(s). As information is gathered and verified, same will be forwarded for citizen input.

Summarized below are some noteworthy arrests of individuals for crimes committed in District 6 for the month of March.

Suspect	Address	Crime	Crime Location
Michelle L. Sargent	Alexander Place	Attempt Armed Robbery/ADWISI	Bethel Rd.
Thomas R. Lane	Greenwell Ct.	Larceny Bicycle/B&E Auto/Larceny	Saint Francis/Wickford Rd.
Juvenile (14 YOA)	Grey Leaf Dr.	Larceny Bicycle/B&E Auto/Larceny	Saint Francis/Wickford Rd
William J. Leonard	Covington Rd.	B&E Auto/Larceny/Contributing to Delinquency of a minor	Bradford Dr.
Juvenile (15 YOA)	Covington Rd.	B&E Auto/Larceny	Bradford Dr.

In keeping with working with the community, we are asking for your help! One resident that was the victim of a burglary fortunately had a video surveillance system and was able to capture video. The quality of the video is not the best, however some enhancement was undertaken. The suspect appears to be wearing a neoprene mask, hence eye holes cut out, and or glasses. The suspect's method of operation fit that of others that have occurred recently and he walked into and out of the area, therefore no vehicle info is available. Anyone with information as to the possible identity of the suspect pictured below is asked to call the WPD Criminal Investigations Division at 910-342-33620 or Lt. O. M. Blanton at 910-341-0158 or 910-470-3415.



In addition to losing Captain Pait, we are also loosing Sgt. Ben Kennedy and Sgt. Mary Green beginning in July to new assignments. Congratulations to Sgt. Kennedy for being promoted to Lieutenant. He will be the new District 2 Commander. Sgt. Green has been reassigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. We wish all of them well in their new assignments. We also welcome Sgt. Rodney Simmons and newly promoted Sgt. Alexandra Sotelo to the SE Patrol Division. Sgt. Simmons will be working dayshift with Squad C, and Sgt. Sotelo will be working nightshift with Squad B.

Good Luck to All!

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