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## March 2009 Newsletter

### What's New on the Police Front

We are happy to announce that the Southeast Patrol Division is the proud owner of a Segway.

You may ask, "What is a Segway?" It is a versatile and productivity-enhancing policing solution. The Segway maximizes a police officer's visibility, as well as his or her ability to be seen by others. Raising an officer an additional eight inches off the ground, it places an officer a clear head above the crowd. Segway riders have superior sight lines for traffic management, crowd control, and community policing. The Segway allows officers to become more approachable, and to respond more quickly to emerging situations. Klee Kleber, vice president of marketing, Segway Inc. said, "The patrol and community policing capabilities of the Segway HT have now been proven by some of the largest police forces in the U.S., and the environmental profile of the product enables agencies to reduce fuel costs and vehicle emissions"



As we get some of our officers trained on this new piece of equipment you can look forward to seeing the Segway in various shopping centers around Districts 5 and 6.

### 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 Angela R. Bridges.

Officer Bridges has been with the Wilmington Police Department for 1 year. Prior to coming to work for WPD, she served 3 years as a U.S. Navy Military Police Officer in Japan and 2 years with the North Carolina National Guard in a Medic/Security position. Officer Bridges graduated in 1997 from Diablo Valley College, California with an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts. She also received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Mount Olive College in 2001 and is currently working toward a Masters Degree from National University in Cross Cultural Teaching. In her off duty time, Officer Bridges enjoys attending church, the gym and running. She also looks forward to spending time volunteering in her 4 year old daughter's classroom. Her ultimate goal, in addition to police work, is to someday teach law enforcement related topics.



**Officer A. R. Bridges**

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## 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 February 2009.

**4,881** - Number of calls for service SE Patrol Division Officers responded to during February 2009. **This number includes 1,975 calls that were officer initiated.**

### Arrests:

- 1 – Armed Robbery
- 2 - Arson
- 7– Breaking and Entering
- 3 – Weapons Related Violations
- 15– Narcotics Related
- 3– Resisting Arrest/Assault on Law Enforcement Officer
- 14 – Assaults
- 19– Larceny/Shoplifting/Obtaining Property by False Pretense
- 29– Traffic Related (DWI, Driving During Revocation, Speeding)
- 21– Quality of Life Violations (affray; panhandling; trespass; disorderly conduct; etc.)
- 100 - Warrants served

### District 5:

Excellent news! Reported crimes for the month of February 2009 compared to February 2008 saw a nice decrease of 9%. The Part I crimes of Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assaults and Motor Vehicle Theft all decreased. The Part I crimes of Burglary, Larceny, and Arson each increased by two respectively compared to February 2008. While there was only a slight increase in burglaries and larcenies this past month, we continue to see police reports indicating property, especially vehicles, were left unlocked. HOAs, Community Watches, and Apartment Complexes please get the word out to your residents to lock their cars with any property of value secured in the trunk or out of plain sight.

A few of the proactive strategies utilized by District 5 officers in the month of February were Focus Patrols; Locating and Monitoring of Homeless Camps; License Checking Stations and Radar Assignments at traffic complaint locations. Additionally, officers worked closely with the Vice Unit resulting in a number of drugs arrests. A lot of these drug arrests can be attributed directly to information we received from you and followed-up on. Please continue to contact us with any suspicious activity in your neighborhoods. Robert Peele said it best,

**“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.”**

Summarized below are some noteworthy arrests of individuals for crimes committed in District 5 for the month of February.

<b>Suspect</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Crime</b>	<b>Crime Location</b>
<b>Michael A. Johnson</b>	<b>Atlantic Beach, NC</b>	<b>B&amp;E Auto &amp; Larceny (4 counts)</b>	<b>Parking lot-Mainstay Suites; 5229 Market St.</b>
<b>Vincent J. Howard</b>	<b>Racine Dr.</b>	<b>Arson (2 counts)</b>	<b>400 blk Racine Dr.</b>

**District 6:**

Breaking and Entering, Burglary, Robbery, Larceny, etc. rank among some of the Part I crimes that Wilmington Police Department Crime Analysts track regularly. However, based on a perception of citizen concerns, the majority of complaints that come into the Office of the District 6 Commander, are not related to what the Police are doing to prevent these crimes, but instead lean more toward what is the Police doing to stop speeders in our neighborhoods. Trust is an important factor between the citizens and the Police and we would like to believe that you as the citizens of our city trust us to combat both of these issues with all of the resources we have at our disposal.

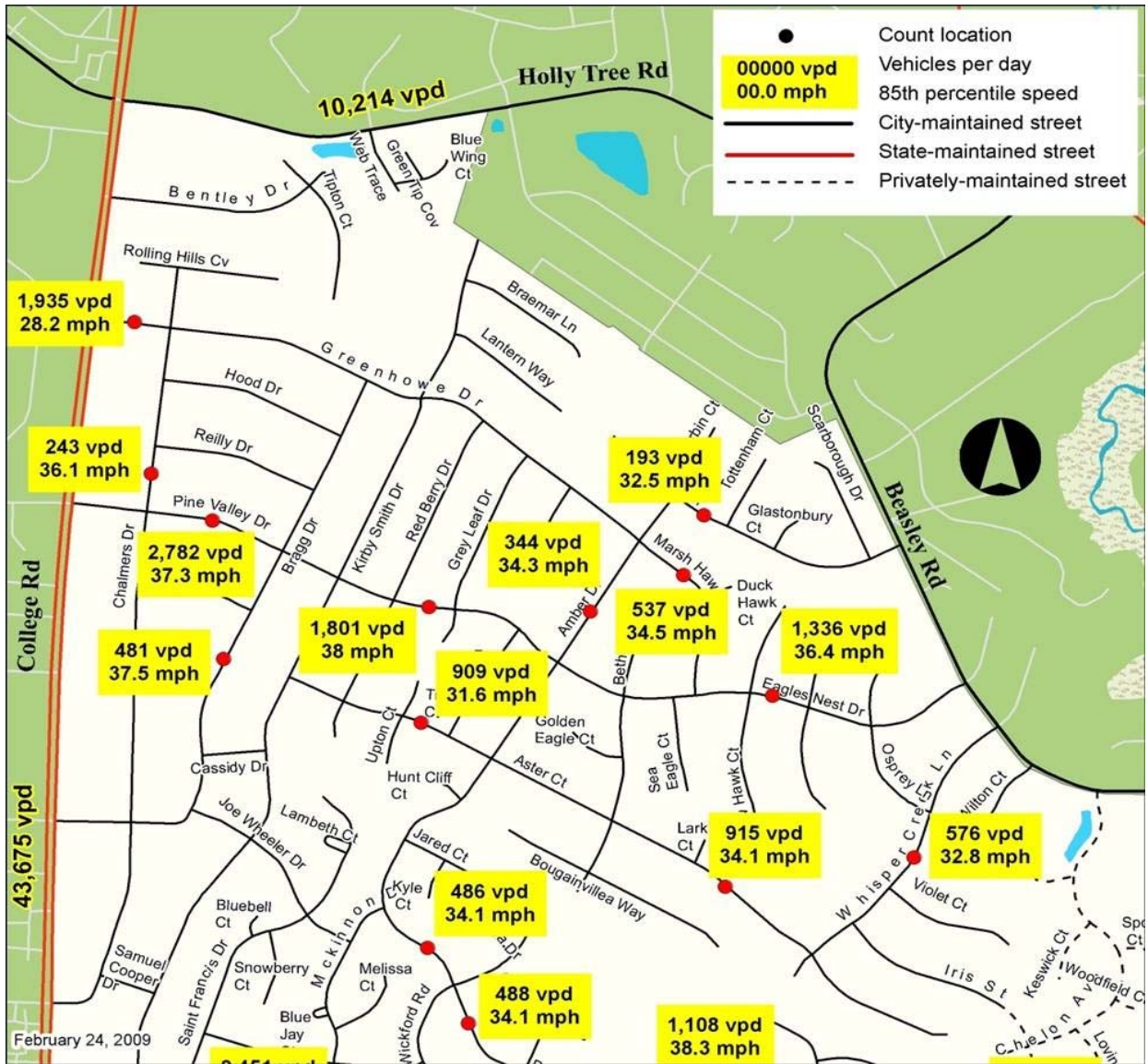
Summarized below are some noteworthy arrests of individuals for crimes committed in District 6 for the month of February.

<b>Suspect</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Crime</b>	<b>Crime Location</b>
<b>Matthew C. Melosh</b>	<b>Abbingdon Terrace</b>	<b>B&amp;E</b>	<b>N. MacMillan Ave.</b>
<b>Shanita Simpson</b>	<b>Spring Rd.</b>	<b>Armed Robbery</b>	<b>Subway; S. College Rd.</b>
<b>Richard Simpson</b>	<b>N. 10<sup>th</sup> St.</b>	<b>Armed Robbery</b>	<b>Subway; S. College Rd.</b>
<b>Norman J. Dixon</b>	<b>N. 11<sup>th</sup> St.</b>	<b>Armed Robbery</b>	<b>Subway; S. College Rd.</b>
<b>Carllous A. Little</b>	<b>Walnut St.</b>	<b>Armed Robbery</b>	<b>Subway; S. College Rd.</b>
<b>Irving W. Coleman</b>	<b>Martin St.</b>	<b>Assault LEO/Resisting Arrest</b>	<b>S. College Rd.</b>

In addition to crime suppression, we also work by utilizing RADAR, RADAR Trailers, education and the media to slow the motoring public. Recently the City of Wilmington Planning Department, the Traffic & Engineering Department, Traffic Unit and Officers from the SE Patrol Division have been working together to do just that. One of the efforts by the city has been to conduct traffic surveys in the Pine Valley Area. A public hearing was held to provide the residents with the gathered information and one of many maps outlining the 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speeds and the number of vehicles per day is displayed below. Plans are in the works for the upcoming budget cycle to hopefully install some form of speed lowering devices in these neighborhoods. Included below is an explanation to help understand the 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed concept. Additional maps of the area are to follow in upcoming issues.

**What is the 85th Percentile Speed?**

The 85th percentile speed is the speed at or below which 85 percent of the motorists drive on a given road unaffected by slower traffic or poor weather. This speed indicates the speed that most motorists on the road consider safe and reasonable under ideal conditions. It is a good guideline for the appropriate speed limit for that road.



**Recent/Upcoming events:**

February 9<sup>th</sup> – HOA Meeting for Bexley Dr., Merestone and Carriage Hills residents was held at SE Patrol Division with a surprisingly large attendance. The group received a briefing on Crime Prevention Techniques and the Services offered at the SE Patrol Facility.



- March 10<sup>th</sup> – Landfall Spring Festival Meeting
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – UNCW Taskforce Meeting
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Neighbors of Wade Park/Eagles Nest (Postponed to later date TBA)
- March 17<sup>th</sup> – Aston Place HOA
- March 18<sup>th</sup> - American Legion Post #10 – 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- March 28<sup>th</sup> – Carlton Place HOA

**Traffic Enforcement Locations for the Month of February/March 2009:**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Hooker Rd.</b>         | <b>College Acres Dr.</b>   | <b>Clear Run Dr.</b>   |
| <b>Long St.</b>           | <b>Robert E. Lee Dr.</b>   | <b>Wooddale Dr.</b>    |
| <b>Echo Farms</b>         | <b>Waltmoore Dr.</b>       | <b>Kirby Smith Dr.</b> |
| <b>Sebrell Ave.</b>       | <b>Greenville Loop Rd.</b> | <b>Brookshire Dr.</b>  |
| <b>Masonboro Loop Rd.</b> | <b>Holly Tree Rd.</b>      | <b>St. Andrews Dr.</b> |

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