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Newsletter**

What's New on the Police Front

Automatic Vehicle Locator System is coming to SE Patrol Division. The Wilmington Police Department continues to implement concepts to better improve service and response times to the citizens of our city. With that, SE Patrol Division vehicles were the first to receive this technology. By utilizing AVL, Telecommunicators, as well as Supervisors on the street, can see where the closest unit is to what is termed a "hot call", or a call requiring immediate police response. The funding for this project is being completed with funds from a Joint Agency Grant (JAG). OSSI's AVL module provides timely updates of a unit's location using GPS technology. SE Patrol Division has currently about 85% of its vehicles with the hardware installed with less than 50% of those operational. The system will be totally functional in the near future when a few minor software compatibility issues are corrected. Isn't technology great!!

WPD Officers getting involved in the community:

April 22, 2009 - Special Olympics held at UNCW. Officers both on-duty and off-duty donated their time at this most worthy athletic event. There were approximately 100 more participants this year than last year. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Please consider volunteering your time at next year's event. It is very rewarding to see the excitement and joy on these athlete's faces upon completion of an event.



Deputy Chief Conklin with a Special Olympics Athlete.



Participants walk the track during Opening Ceremony.



Lt. Tom Witkowski (AKA: Officer Friendly)

May 1, 2009 - A Special Olympic fundraiser was held at Chick-fil-a on Oleander Dr. Lt. Tom Witkowski takes the lead every year in raising funds with the “Cops on Top” event.

In Remembrance

National Police Memorial Week is held every year in May and is designed to honor those Law Enforcement Officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their life in the line of duty protecting citizens not only of Wilmington, but everywhere. The local ceremony will be Thursday, May 14th at 11 a.m. at Police Headquarters located at 615 Bess St. Public is welcome. This year the Wilmington Police Department will honor two of our own who have recently been added to the list of fallen. To date nine Wilmington Police Officers have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Officer Christopher Williams: End of watch June 16, 2006
Cause of death: Training related injury.

Officer Richard Matthews: End of watch February 18, 2009
Cause of death: Vehicle Crash while responding to backup other officers.



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 Darrell Moore.

Officer Moore has served with the Wilmington Police Department for 22 years. During this time he has worked in the assignments of Patrol, over 9 years with the Problem Area Tactical Team and 9 ½ years as a Detective with the Criminal Investigation Division working Fraud, Auto Crimes and Violent Crimes which includes Homicide Investigations. He is also currently a Polygraph Operator. Officer Moore was reassigned back to Patrol in January 2009. He received a BA Degree in 1984 from Elon University where he played football as a linebacker and helped the school win 2 National NAIA Football Championships. Off. Moore holds a NC General Law Enforcement Instructors Certification specializing in Subject Control and Arrest Techniques, as well as Physical Fitness Instruction. Off. Moore also supports and participates in several youth organizations. He is currently assigned to District 5.



Officer Darrell Moore

Police Beat

5,788 - Number of calls for service SE Patrol Division Officers responded to during April 2009.
This number includes 2,448 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 April 2009.

Arrests:

- 1 – Armed Robbery
- 1 - Kidnapping
- 1 - Child Abuse (Misdemeanor)
- 12 – Breaking and Entering (Residential, Business, Auto/Larceny: Misdemeanor & Felon)
- 18 – Narcotics Related
- 3 – Resisting Arrest/Assault on Law Enforcement Officer
- 2 – Assaults
- 30 – Larceny/Shoplifting/Obtaining Property by False Pretense
 - 1 – Fugitive from Justice (Individual wanted outside of NC)
- 28 – Traffic Related (DWI, Driving During Revocation, Speeding)
 - 9 – Quality of Life Violations (affray; panhandling; trespass; disorderly conduct; etc.)
- 26 - Warrants served (just in Districts 5 & 6)
- 907 – Citations issued (just in Districts 5 & 6 for Traffic Violations/On-view Misdemeanors)

District 5:

A large part of our focus for the past month has been in our new model block area. The boundaries of which are: S. College Rd. (200-400 blk), Oriole Dr. to College Acres Dr., including Carleton Place. SE Officers have spent many hours in this vicinity conducting various operations to include: running radar; foot patrols; driver’s license checking stations and warrant services. We have also been focusing on locating homeless camps in this vicinity. Two camps were located in the wooded area beside Best Buy and behind Clear Run Apartments. The property owners of both locations received letters from the Police Department’s Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Weeks, and put on notice to have the property cleaned up. One area has been thoroughly cleaned up and bushhogged and the other property owner was granted an extension. Two homeless individuals listed below were arrested for aggressive panhandling in the parking lot of shopping centers. Please report these individuals when you see them panhandling by calling the non-emergency number for the 911 Center, 452-6120.

Larcenies continue to be on the rise. We have observed a large increase in bicycle larcenies all across the city. Wilmington City Code requires that bicycles be registered. You may register your bike at the SE Patrol Division, 2451 S. College Rd., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. All UNCW students are encouraged to register their bikes with Campus Police. These registration stickers help us return your property to you. A lot of bikes are auctioned off simply because the rightful owner cannot be located. The majority of larcenies are crimes of opportunity. Please be proactive and secure not only your property, but remind your neighbors to secure theirs.

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

Suspect	Address	Crime	Crime Location
Robert Dylan Hall	Tennessee Ave.	B&E Auto/Larceny	6500 blk Market St.
John Palazzo	Homeless	Aggressive Panhandling	341 S. College Rd.
Thomas Corley	Homeless	Aggressive Panhandling	341 S. College Rd.
Ata Muhammed Kaazim	Elizabethan Ct.	Domestic Criminal Trespass, B&E, Assault w/Deadly Weapon; & Assault Inflicting Serious Injury	4600 blk Filmore Dr.

District 6:

Times are a changing!! In recent weeks there has been an increase in property related crimes associated with Breaking & Entering of a few residences in District 6, property damage and thefts. B&E’s of vehicles are on the increase more than anything. Fortunately overall, crimes were down in April 2009 compared to March 2009. The problem is that these crimes are not centralized, therefore it is difficult to put a pattern together. More than ever we are seeing an increase in activity in the areas of Evergreen Park, Treybrooke, Wrightsville Ave., McMillan Ave., and in the area of Dogwood Dr., Wisteria and the Oleander Dr. Batting Cages. Some reports from citizens indicate that most of the incidents appear to be caused by juveniles. We are

working close with Detectives and the WPD Intelligence Unit to identify suspects. Officers are being deployed to these areas as much as possible to concentrate not only on crime prevention, but to identify individuals out and about, especially at night and to address street lighting and visibility issues. Please remember, and we can not emphasize this enough, **LOCK YOUR CARS AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACITIVITY TO 911 IMMEDIATELY!!** The majority of vehicle break-in suspects walk through the neighborhoods at night looking for unsecured vehicles with valuables visible. When you go into your residence, day or night, hide your valuables, or better yet take them inside with you. Do not leave money visible, even coins. Thieves are going for cell phones, laptop computers, Ipods, GPS devices, even weapons left under the seat, etc. P lease help us help you to prevent these crimes, by helping yourself!! With effort the thieves will move on and the District 6 crime rate will continue to decline. Thanks for your efforts.

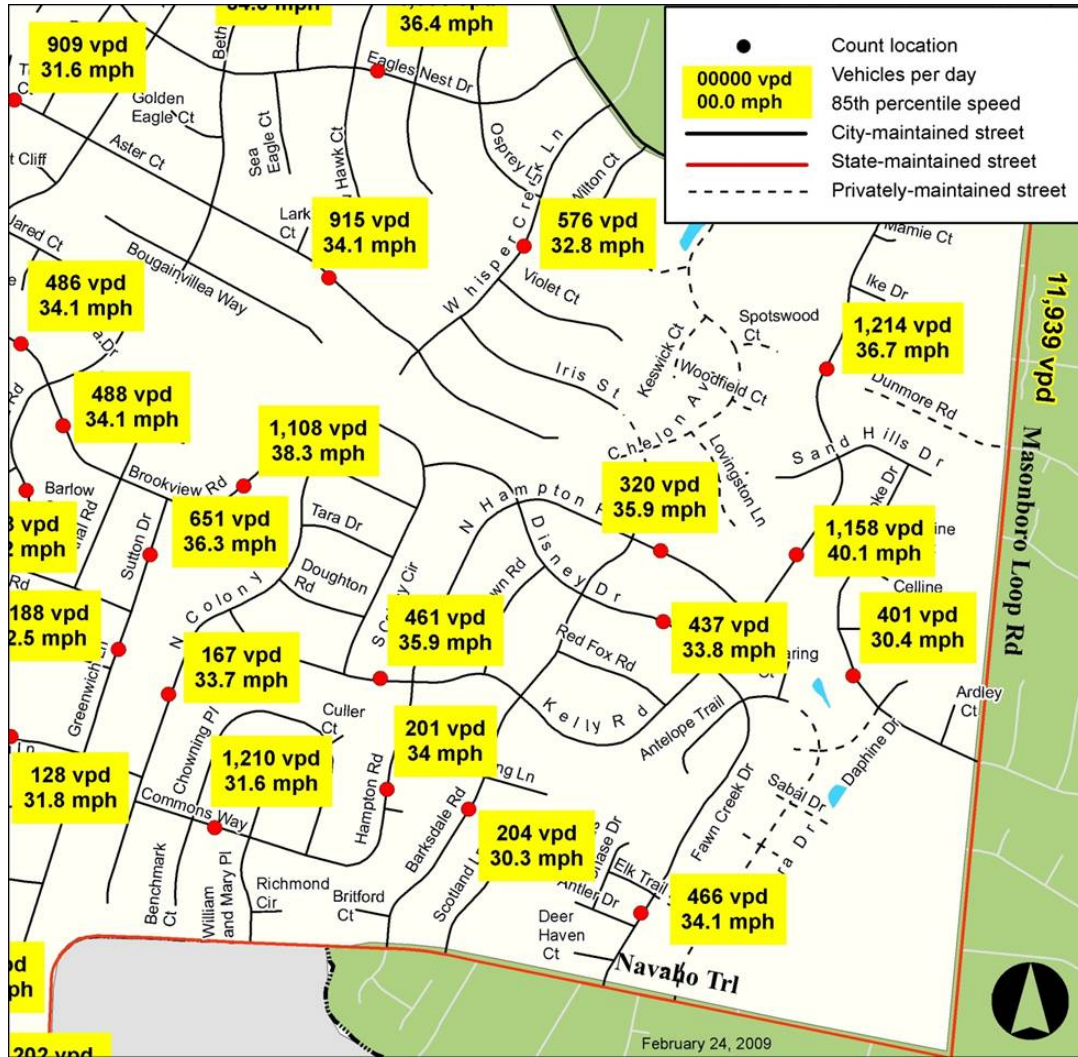
Summarized below are some noteworthy arrests of individuals for crimes committed in District 6 for the month of March.

Suspect	Address	Crime	Crime Location
Michele E. Martire	Carolina Beach Rd.	ADW Inflicting Serious Injury	Carolina Beach Rd.
Brian A. Davis	Sparrow Hawk Ct.	Armed Robbery	Greenville Sound Rd.
Travis Rivenbark	Pine St.	Habitual DWI/DDR Hit & Run (3 cts.) /C&R	Wrightsville Ave. McMillan & Maple Ave.
(2) Silent Juveniles	Greenville Loop Rd.	Misd. B&E/Property Damage	Greenville Village MHP
Stephen L. Young	Monitor Dr.	Child Abuse (M) /DWI/DDR/C&R	Shipyard Blvd.

In addition to crime suppression, we also work by utilizing RADAR, RADAR Trailers, education and the media to slow the motoring public. **For those reading this for the first time,** 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 three maps outlining the 85th 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 85th Percentile Speed concept. **This is the last of the three maps below.**

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.



Traffic Enforcement Locations for the Month of March/April 2009:

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| Park Ave. | George Anderson Dr. | Greenville Ave. | College Acres Dr. |
| Oleander Dr. | Wrightsville Ave. | Jeb Stuart Dr. | Lullwater Dr. |
| Long Leaf Hills Dr. | Wooddale Dr. | Hooker Rd. | Racine Dr. |
| Brentonshire Rd. | Ashton Place | Clear Run Dr. | |

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