

# Crisis Intervention Team Training

By Ryan Thompson, Pine Knoll Shores Police Chief

On July 27, three Pine Knoll Shores Police Officers graduated from Crisis Intervention Team Training. Sergeant Cory Bishop, Officer II Nancy Montanino, and Officer Dakota Weathers graduated the 40-hour training course, taught by Trillium Health Resources at our Police Department. Also in attendance were officers from Havelock Police Department, Morehead City Police Department and the Carteret County Sheriff's Office. This was the first time that this training was held in Carteret County in almost two years.

Crisis Intervention Team Training, or CIT, is a course designed to teach police officers to respond to incidents involving individuals with a mental health or substance abuse crisis, and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The CIT program is a community-based collaborative effort between individuals in recovery, families, the behavioral health system, law enforcement agencies and mental health providers. Officers who attended the training were required to go through multiple practical scenarios, make site visits to local mental health facilities, and pass a written examination.

Our officers make continuous and ongoing efforts to ensure they receive the most up-to-date training that is available to ensure we are capable of responding to any emergency that may arise. Congratulations to our officers for attending and passing this very demanding and challenging training, and thank you to Trillium Health Services for instructing area law enforcement.



Graduates of the recent Crisis Intervention Team Training from the Havelock, Morehead City and Pine Knoll Shores police departments and the Carteret County Sheriff's Office.  
—Photo by Ryan Thompson

## Scam of the month: Contractor scams

Finding and hiring a reliable and trustworthy contractor can be challenging, to say the least. Before hiring a contractor for a job around your home, it is a good idea to do the following:

- Request a reference list of previous clients
- Ensure the contractor has insurance
- Sign a contract for the work that is to be completed
- Never pay the contractor up front for work that has yet to be completed

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

### POLICE

During July, there were 7 arrests; 38 911 hang-ups; 25 alarm activations; 9 animal calls; 2 larcenies; 3 damage to property calls; 2 breaking and entering; 30 disturbance calls; 50 assist Fire/EMS calls; 3 motor vehicle collisions; 6 mutual aid calls; 212 traffic stops; 58 citations issued (19 speeding, 1 stop sign/stop light, 2 registration/inspection, 6 license revoked/expired, 12 other traffic violations, 2 narcotics violations, and 16 alcohol violations—no other criminal offense); 35 beach patrols; 348 business checks; 519 foot patrols; and 166 residence checks. Police personnel participated in 173.5 training hours. Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) worked 68.5 hours.

### FIRE AND EMS

In July, responders handled 1 fire, 1 overpressure rupture (explosion, overheat—no fire), 49 rescue and emergency medical service calls, 1 hazardous condition—no fire, 5 service calls, and 10 false alarms or false calls. Personnel participated in 431 training hours.

REMINDER: Lock your doors, especially your vehicles, and don't leave valuables in sight. Report suspicious people or vehicles to dispatch (726-1911) so that the police can be notified. You are not "bothering" the police if you call to report something that doesn't look right. They prefer to assess the situation rather than find out after the fact that you had noticed something and didn't report it. Alert citizens are an asset to the community.

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