

area to be covered and the chemicals to be used is available at the Town Hall. Whereas one chemical is non-toxic to you or your pets, the other is slightly toxic until the spray has dried. If you live in the area you should take the proper precautions.

During the month of February there were 4 rescue calls, no fire calls and 110 police calls.

Commissioner Sotir called attention to the upcoming Carteret County Health and Safety Fair to be held on March 21st at the Civic Center in Morehead. This is part of the Old Quawks Day. Among other programs there will be a health screening available. Such things as height, weight, blood pressure and vision acuity can be measured and a referral service will be available for those who appear to need a more thorough examination. Participants are asked not to eat for at least two hours before the screening. Hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Before adjourning Mayor Hanan announced that additional fire hydrants had been requested on Arborvitae Drive. One has been approved and more will be considered in the new budget.

The Bogue Banks Baptist Church will have a service entitled "God and Country" on April 1st at 7:00 p.m. at which town officials will be honored. You are invited to attend.

The Humane Society requests small non-clothing items for their Thrift Shop. Call them if you can make a donation.

Gil Millington and Joe Henyecz attended the workshop on severe weather awareness held in Wilmington, March 9th. We are now entering the tornado season. A severe thunderstorm may spawn a tornado but it also may spawn a "downburst". You should know about this. Here is what they reported:

The weather Service documented 16 tornadoes in North Carolina during the 1986 season; some with winds up to 200 MPH at the outer edge. During the same period, the Service recorded 285 thunderstorm downbursts. A downburst [sometimes called windshear] usually occurs at the leading edge of a thunderstorm. It is caused by a large mass of rapidly cooling air which plummets to the earth's surface accompanied by extremely heavy rainfall. The velocity of the wind fanning out across the surface can reach 150 MPH. Downbursts are frequently reported as tornadoes because they have a similar roaring sound at the time trees and buildings are blown down. A daytime tornado is readily identified by its swirling funnel of dust and debris. A downburst is a straight wind that cannot be identified in the accompanying torrential rainfall.

Unlike a hurricane, these severe storms can develop in minutes. The Weather Service issues a "watch" when atmospheric conditions favor the development of a severe storm over a wide area. A "warning" is issued when the potential area can be narrowed to specific counties. If you wish to keep in touch, small, battery-powered, Weather Service-frequency radios are available at low cost and are recommended.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? Plan now! Select a safe haven at the lowest level of the building you are in: a closet, a hallway, any place where you will be closely surrounded by a strong structure. Stay away from windows and doors of outside walls. Cover your head. Do not try to evacuate as you would for a hurricane. Your children in school will be cared for according to the school plan. If you are outside or in a car go to a substantial structure. If none is available, lie flat in or near a ditch.

If Pine Knoll Shores is struck by a severe storm, damaged buildings will be quickly combed for victims by personnel of the Civil Preparedness Directorate, police and fire departments and the rescue squad. The Town's disaster recovery plan will be implemented.

Gil Millington and Joe Henyecz