

## Thermal Imaging Camera

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wires as being hotter than their surroundings. The firefighters can then make a single inspection cut in the wall right on the offending wires, mitigating the situation with as little damage as possible.

After a fire has occurred in a home and has been extinguished, the operation becomes what is known as "overhaul." In overhaul, firefighters are looking for hotspots—areas of fire that may be hidden and yet still smoldering. A TIC will enable firefighters to locate and extinguish hidden hotspots more efficiently—and prevent more damage to a home or the need for the fire department to be recalled to a location.

Firefighters have been called the "red light wrecking crew," a name earned because they cannot leave a property with any thought that fire may still exist in the home or that conditions exist that would cause a fire to rekindle. To be certain that no further danger exists, they must tear into walls to visually ensure that their work is done. Through the use of a TIC, firefighters can more efficiently and effectively carry out our mission, with less damage incurred to the properties that we protect.

Pine Knoll Shores Fire Auxiliary President David Gildner researched and helped to obtain half the cost of the thermal imaging camera through a grant from the Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative's "Operation Round Up" program. CCEC customers are invited to round up their payments to the next whole dollar to help build a fund that is managed by the Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation Board of Directors, who use the fund to assist and empower individuals and organizations that help others. Information on voluntary participation in this program is available on the back of the CCEC monthly bill. The remainder of the cost of the TIC was covered by the town of Pine Knoll Shores.



## How to Reach a PKS Police Officer

There is an alternative method to reach a Pine Knoll Shores police officer for non-emergency situations. If you need to ask a question or simply pass along information, please call 726-1911 and your call will be answered by the County Communications Center. When you ask to have a Pine Knoll Shores officer call you, the operator will ask for your number and the nature of the call. An officer on duty will call you directly on the number you provide.

If there is suspected criminal activity or if you need an officer to come to your location for another reason, call 911. It is essential that officers be centrally dispatched via the 911 system when physically responding to a location.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

### FIRE AND EMS

During December, personnel participated in 153.5 hours of training.

There were 14 false alarms or false calls, all of which have to be checked out; 1 fire; 1 good intent call; 10 rescue and emergency medical service incidents and 3 service calls.

### POLICE

There were 1,854 events recorded, including 12 hang-up calls to 911; 13 activated alarms; 1 assault/fight; 10 background investigations; 1 beach patrol; 1 breaking or entering vehicle; 1 citizen assist; 1 damage to property; 3 drug incidents; 12 follow-up investigations; 79 foot patrols (residential); 137 foot patrols (business); 5 "I'm OK" checks; 1 larceny; 3 mutual aid or assist other agency; 250 residence checks; 2 investigations of shots fired; 81 stationary traffic observations; 1 surveillance; 1 town ordinance violation written warning; 1 collision; 52 written warnings; 4 well-being checks; 10 arrests; 14 assist fire/EMS; 570 beach access/park checks; 3 breaking or entering residence; 11 citations issued; 2 reports of a disturbance; 40 extra patrol requests; 1 report of fireworks; 3 improperly parked vehicles; 1 motorist assist; 1 unlocked door; 1 search warrant; 10 subpoenas; 16 suspicious people or vehicles; 1 vehicle impounded; 13 verbal warnings; and 5 warrants.

REMINDER: Lock your doors and report suspicious people or vehicles to the police department.

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