

Happenings Around the Police Department

By Ryan Thompson, Pine Knoll Shores Police Chief

The Pine Knoll Shores Police Department welcomed Cory Bishop as its newest full-time officer in January. Cory was brought on as a corporal and has been a part-time officer with us since July 2016. Corporal Bishop, a graduate of the Lenoir Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training program, is a native of Lenoir County. He comes to us from the Lenoir



Pine Knoll Shores police officer Corporal Cory Bishop—Photo by Ryan Thompson

County EMS and previously was with the Morehead City Police Department. Corporal Bishop holds multiple training certifications, including Community Policing, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Boating Under the Influence, Alcohol Screening Devices, and Intox EC/IR II training (the instrument that tests suspected impaired drivers).

Law enforcement was not Corporal Bishop's first career as a first responder. He earned his EMT-Basic certification in 2008 and would go on to become an EMT-Paramedic in 2012. He also has plans to become a Medical Examiner (a trained medical professional who assists in suspicious or unnatural death cases and issues the death certificate) and a CPR instructor to further his ability to serve Pine Knoll Shores and the surrounding communities.

Please join us in welcoming Corporal Bishop to our Pine Knoll Shores family. I am pleased to have him as part of our team on a full-time basis and look forward to his contributions to the community. When you see him while he is on patrol, please stop and introduce yourself and say hello.

Officer Joseph Patton went to the NC Justice Academy in early January and attended a 40-hour certification course to become a Field Training Officer. The goal of the Field Training Officer program is to provide the technical and personal skills to individuals in order for them to function as evaluators and trainers of recruits who have completed Basic Law Enforcement Training. It is a very demanding and challenging course, and we are proud to have another Field Training Officer in our department. Congratulations, Officer Patton.

Scam of the Month: frozen pipes scam

During very cold weather, a crooked home repairman claims that pipes under your home appear to be frozen, and tells you that the pipes will flood and cause structural damage if they are not repaired before they thaw. The scammer pretends to repair the pipes and then collects payment.

It is recommended that if you are leaving town during the colder months of the year to turn your water off. If you have any questions on how to safely and properly turn your water off, please contact our Public Works Department and they will be happy to assist you.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE

During December, there were 4 arrests; 17 911 hang-ups; 20 alarm activations; 10 animal calls; 18 assist Fire/EMS; 7 traffic hazards; 81 traffic stops; 25 citations issued (4 speeding, 1 stop sign/stop light; 3 registration/inspection, 2 license revoked/expired, 3 other traffic violations, 4 narcotics violations, 8 alcohol violations); 13 written warnings issued; 183 business checks; 308 residential checks; and 295 foot patrols. Police personnel participated in 124 training hours. Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) worked 61.5 hours.

FIRE AND EMS

In December, responders handled 2 false alarms or false calls, 1 fire call, 18 rescue and emergency medical service incidents, and 1 service call. Personnel participated in 250 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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