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Teddy Wimberly— Our Own Force of Nature

By Jason Baker, Chief
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I came to Pine Knoll Shores in 2005 to drop off an application for a firefighter's position. I was warmly welcomed by Teddy Wimberley, who was sitting at the front desk of the public safety building. I was hired in June 2005 and have worked with Ms. Teddy ever since on many calls and events with the Pine Knoll Shores Fire and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Department—but Ms. Teddy's service to Pine Knoll Shores began long before we met on that day.

Ms. Teddy was in Pine Knoll Shores' first EMS class and began volunteering as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic in 1981, when the town's Fire and EMS services were all volunteer and the EMS section was known as Squad 65. From 1981 to early 2007, Ms. Teddy operated the ambulance as an EMT and served in many ways, from an EMT to an officer of the squad. In 2007, squad designations were being done away with throughout the county, and Squad 65 was no exception. Pine Knoll Shores' EMS was brought under the fire station designation of Station 64, and Fire and EMS became a combined single department.

From 2007 to 2015, Ms. Teddy, as a Station 64 EMT, continued to serve the town by responding to calls and doing what she could to aid town residents who called 911 for assistance. In 2015, she decided to step back as an EMT, but wanted to stay involved. She continued to support Station 64 by serving as secretary of the Pine Knoll Shores Fire Auxiliary. While she served as secretary, she was responsible for t-shirt sales and other fundraising activities.

While Ms. Teddy's initial service to the town focused on the duties of an EMT, she also served as the secretary for the Fire and Police departments. Outside of Fire and EMS, she worked as a real estate agent, selling many homes here in Pine Knoll Shores—and my wife and I have her to thank for helping us buy our first

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Teddy Wimberly—Photo by Shelia Bupp

7th Annual PKS Fishing Tournament

By Mary Cox

The annual Pine Knoll Shores Family Fishing Tournament, scheduled for October 8, is open to all people living in Pine Knoll Shores; family members, including grandchildren; property owners; and town employees. All are welcome. Those participating in the tournament can only hook-and-line fish from the surf, a pier, a kayak or a boat. Persons 13 years and older will participate in the adult tournament, and those 16 years and older will need a North Carolina saltwater fishing license.

As an inshore tournament, fish that may be entered are limited to legal size in each category of red drum, speckled trout, grey trout, bluefish, sea mullet and sheepshead. Please note there is no flounder category.

The fishing tournament starts at 6 a.m., and weigh-in for 13 years and older begins at 4 p.m. at McNeill Park and will close at 5 p.m. The winner will be determined by weight in each category.

The kids' tournament is for all kids 12 and under, and an adult must accompany children during this event and at weigh-in. Life jackets will be available for use during the tournament while fishing near the park water. Kids' tournament weigh-in will be at McNeill Park from 12-1 p.m., and the winner will be determined by weight in each category.

Trophies will be presented to the winners of each category. Registration is \$10 for anyone 13 and up. Kids 12 and under are free but still need to register. Participants can register by picking up a registration form at the public safety building lobby or from the town website at townofpks.com. *Registration has been extended through October 5 to qualify for weigh-in.*

Completed registration forms can be returned in an envelope marked "Fishing Tournament" with \$10 cash or check made payable to Town of PKS and deposited in the depository on the front left side of the public safety building.

Please email Shelia Bupp at psbadmin@townofpks.com or call 252-247-2474, ext. 10, with questions.

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