

Commissioner of Police Jack Thompson reported the police responded to 164 calls during October, assisted at four traffic accidents and made eight arrests.

He then presented a new ordinance, which had previously been introduced, concerning home security alarm systems. The ordinance, which was approved unanimously by the Board, requires a householder to first obtain a permit for the installation from the building inspector and then notify the Town Clerk and the Police Department of the completion of the installation. The property owner also is required to register with the Town Clerk and the Police Department the name, address and telephone number of two persons who are authorized to take the necessary steps to turn off, or deactivate, the alarm in the event it would function. If the alarm begins to sound and the person who owns or occupies the property has failed to comply with these conditions, the Town Clerk will write a letter to the owner ordering the device to be deactivated or removed. Each violation of the ordinance is punishable by a fine of \$50 or imprisonment of 30 days. The ordinance is the result of several complaints by residents of these unsupervised alarm systems going off at various times, and which constitutes a nuisance and has resulted in unnecessary calls to the scene by police.

Mayor Cleveland read and commented on a communication received from Vision Cable, in which they have requested a reduction in their performance bond, as is called for in the agreement with the Town. This provision pertains mainly to the availability of cable service to all residents of the town which the company had promised in its agreement with Pine Knoll Shores. Anyone who has been denied cable service by the company would notify the Town Clerk as soon as possible so this matter can be concluded.

FIRE LADIES HEAR OF  
CRIME PREVENTION

Principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Ladies Fire Auxiliary heard a presentation by Rickie Davis, head of the Carteret County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Bureau and the County Search and Rescue unit on how to "prevent your home from being burglarized". Mr. Davis presented a film, which showed the many ways of entry a burglar might use and then described the ways this entry could be prevented. He also urged residents to install dead bolts on their outside doors and recommended they make an inventory of their property, which could be used by the police in recovering items in the event of a robbery. He also described the procedures the police would use if this occurred. He provided the group with booklets in which to make this inventory and stickers which can be applied to one front and one rear window of a home to advise any would-be burglar that the house was appropriately protected. He also stressed the need for people to become involved and to cooperate with the police and other law enforcement agencies.

He recommended that home owners should etch their automobile licence number on such things as television sets, tape recorders, record players and other electronic devices to assist in identifications.

The meeting was held at the Town Hall and husbands of the members also attended. Following the program a brief meeting of the group was held, at which time it was decided that there would be no December meeting because of the press of holiday activities. President of the Ladies Auxiliary is Winnie Thompson, who introduced both Mr. Davis and Police Chief Edgar Crawford. He also asked citizens to assist the police if they observe any unusual situations in their neighborhoods.