



PKS Squad #65

Members of Squad #65 were honored on Monday evening, December 7, at their annual Squad Christmas party, which was held at the Ramada Inn. Our congratulations were offered to Chief Ted Lindblad and Assistant Chief Bruce Newman who successfully completed their terms of office and will step down, while continuing to serve on the Squad. Members who have volunteered many years of service to their community were also recognized and honored. Those receiving the five-year (plus) service pin were Marian Walker, Harold Parks, Gloria and Dick Gustafson, Kathy and Norm Trommer, and Larry Kacmarcik. Those members receiving the ten-year (plus) service pin were Lois Heffelfinger and Teddy Wimberley, and those receiving the fifteen-year (plus) service pin were Joan and Fred Libby. Our sincere congratulations to all of these outstanding citizens volunteers.

The new officers for 1999 were announced: Marilyn Smetana, Chief, Trish Wallace, Assistant Chief, Lois Heffelfinger, Treasurer and Patty Swetz, Secretary. Both Lois and Patty continue to serve in their positions after many years of service.

There are times when a Pine Knoll Shores resident requires our assistance for a transport in a non-emergency situation. We are most willing to help but we ask that we be contacted directly rather than through the emergency 9-1-1 phone number. If you are unable to contact us at our home (Chief's number is: 808-3374, and Assistant Chiefs number is: 247-5540), you may be put in touch with us by calling the Town Hall.

Squad #65 responded to 7 Medical Emergencies, 1 Transport, and 1 Fire call in November.



from the PKS Police Dept...

The Pine Knoll Shores Police Department wishes all of you a safe and happy holiday season. Please remember to stop by the Town Hall and fill out an "Out of Town Request" form and the PKS Police Department will check your house.

Your Police Department is continuing to participate in North Carolina's "Click it or Ticket" and "Booze it and Lose it" campaigns. While North Carolina has one of the highest seat belt use rates in the nation, we cannot ignore the daily news reports about unbuckled drivers and passengers who were killed or seriously injured in car crashes. Perhaps you or someone you know has suffered such a loss. We need to put a stop to such tragedies by increasing seat belt and child seat use, and we need to start right here in Pine Knoll Shores.

That's why I ask that you join me in supporting our "Click it or Ticket" and "Booze it and Lose it" campaigns. It is important that we stand together in support of these campaigns, and for the officers whose dedication and diligence have made it a national model for highway safety. These checkpoints have helped to save lives and prevent injuries. The checkpoints in Pine Knoll Shores have resulted in taking intoxicated drivers off the road, located dangerous felons and fugitives and confiscated illicit drugs.

The importance of these campaigns cannot be overstated. We're serious about seat belts, child seats and intoxicated drivers in our town. Especially with the holidays and increased travel, it is important that all motorists buckle up and have a designated driver. It's the most effective way to save lives and reduce injuries on our roadways.

Submitted by: Police Chief Mary Muhlig