

## Police Report

During July, there were 178 calls for service, including 11 accidents, 11 assist other agencies, 8 assist fire/EMS, 9 motorist assists, 26 Town ordinance violations, 25 welfare checks, 7 alarms and 4 open doors.

There were thirty-four citations involving 39 charges for 1 driving while impaired, 17 speeding, 1 driving while suspended, 2 seatbelt, 4 drug violations, 1 alcohol violation, 27 other and 15 warning tickets.

There were 94 residence checks and 358 business checks.

Once again, Police Chief Culpepper reminded the citizens to bring their cell phones with them to the beach so that they can report any incidents right away; and, also to lock their vehicles, even if they are parked in their own yards.

## Emergency Services

There were 21 EMS calls in July, 7 required transport and 5 required paramedic assistance. Average response time was 3:43 minutes.

There were 32 fire calls, 13 activated alarms, 3 structure fires, 3 water rescues, 7 service calls, 1 brush fire, 4 motor vehicle accidents and 1 helicopter fire (mutual aid at Fort Macon). Average response time was 3:49 minutes.

Members logged 302 hours of training during July. Eight commercial properties were inspected and 12 violations were cited. Follow-up is pending.

PKS Community Radio is operational at 1610 AM. Broadcasts are on a loop (similar to what is used on the highway to warn about problems up ahead). NOAA weather forecasts are given and, in the event of a hurricane, there will be information about evacuation, curfews and other messages to keep everyone safe. Town Hall announcements and reminders will also be given.

## August Commissioner's Meeting

By Yvette Bannen

One noteworthy item on the consent agenda was for the purchase of a fire vehicle (pumper) to replace a 1984 vehicle. Instead of going out for competitive bids, the Town has "piggybacked" on a state contract and this will be financed over a ten-year period.

Tax Collector Connie Shelton announced that the tax bills would be going out at the end of the month.

There was discussion about when the Town would be taking over the water department. A decision will be made in April 2007 of whether to continue the current arrangement for another year or for the Town to take over the responsibility.

Two large back-up generators will be purchased for the water department to keep water flowing during a storm. There was discussion about putting fences around the wells.

A doctoral student at ECU has proposed

a ground water monitoring project funded by a grant. This is not a Town authorized project, but the information gathered will be of benefit to the Town. There was discussion about the Roosevelt Shores subdivision (former Royal Pavillion) and conditional approval of the plat was given based on planning board approval.

Ordinance violations, such as building materials on road right of ways and portapotties sitting on the roadway, are being addressed.

During citizens' comments, Mark Wright who represents an informal group of housing subdivisions, including Beacons Reach and Pine Knoll Townes, asked if a request for a special service district for wastewater treatment could be placed on the agenda. The entities represent 40% of the Town's tax base. The mayor replied that so far the scope of the problem has not been defined.

## Safety Rule

For the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, please make sure that any soil or marl from your unpaved driveway is cleaned off the roads back onto the driveway. Loose marl and soil on concrete or asphalt roads can cause dangerous falls. Loose gravel on roads can be thrown by vehicle tires and cause damage or injury.

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