

Emergency Services

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During July, Emergency Services had a record-breaking 60 calls. The Fire Department responded to 20 calls:

- 4 fires
- 12 false alarms
- 2 good-intent calls
- 2 hazardous conditions without a fire.

Chief Matthias reminds residents that they should not hesitate to call the Fire Department quickly if they smell smoke or burning. There have been an unusual number of electrical shorts within the town this summer with some fires started by electrical arcing.

Medical Services responded to 40 calls:

- 34 rescue and emergency calls
- 5 service calls
- 1 severe-weather call.

During July, emergency services participated in 95.5 hours of training.

Chief Matthias reminds residents about the need for re-entry passes if there

is a hurricane evacuation. The public safety building will be open on the next few Saturdays for the purpose of issuing re-entry passes to second-homeowners or other residents who cannot locate their re-entry passes.

A couple of new storms have recently developed, and it is time to monitor the weather channel. There have been a lot of severe thunderstorms in the area with associated tornado activity.

For the benefit of second-homeowners who would like to be notified by "Code Red," an automated system will send important emergency information to a phone (including cell phone numbers). "Code Red" will give information about evacuations or when the island is re-opened after a hurricane. The service is free and can be accessed at www.carteretcountygov.org/departments/emergency.asp or by calling Carteret County Emergency Services at 728-8471.

Police Report

During July, there were 135 calls for service including:

- 3 accidents
- 7 assist other agencies
- 23 assist fire/EMS
- 2 domestics
- 7 motorists assists
- 40 town ordinance violations
- 44 well-being checks
- 37 alarms
- 3 unlocked doors

Also during July, there were 20 citations issued involving 22 charges:

- 1 driving while impaired
- 9 speeding
- 1 driving while suspended
- 1 seatbelt violation
- 5 alcohol violations
- 5 all other
- 68 warning tickets

There were 61 residence checks and 305 business checks.

Some noteworthy cases during July were three separate incidents of nudity that were observed but not reported immediately; therefore, no arrests were made.

There was a person with dementia missing from the beach who was located five hours later walking along NC 58 after an intensive search.

More smash and grab vehicle break-ins occur during daylight hours, namely at Memorial Park and the aquarium. Don't leave tempting items like a GPS in full view.

Annual Bulk Pick-up/Clean-up

Waste Industries will conduct the annual Pine Knoll Shores' bulk items collection on Thursday, September 24. Bulk items that will be collected include the following: furniture, beach and patio chairs and tables, bedding and mattresses, grills (gas bottles excluded), small amounts of home repair/project materials, doors, windows, pieces of lumber, trim, vinyl, and similar materials. Such items, with the exception of doors, may not exceed four feet in length.

Whitegoods (appliances and hot water heaters) are included in the bulk items pick up; however, you must notify waste industries directly (223-4176) if you have white goods to be collected. White goods are collected with a specialized truck separate from other discarded items. Materials that will not be taken include household solid waste, household recyclables, paints, stains, solvents, oil, gasoline or liquids of any kind,

pesticides, fertilizers, batteries, or other hazardous material. All bulk items must be at the roadside before 7:00 a.m. on September 24, and not sooner than Tuesday, September 22.

Please contact the Pine Knoll Shores Department of Public Services (247-4353, ext. 27) if additional information is required.

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