

Bike Patrol

New wheels get KM cops closer to the community

By KAMIE CHAMPION

The Community Oriented Policing (COPS) program has added a new dimension to policing in Kings Mountain.

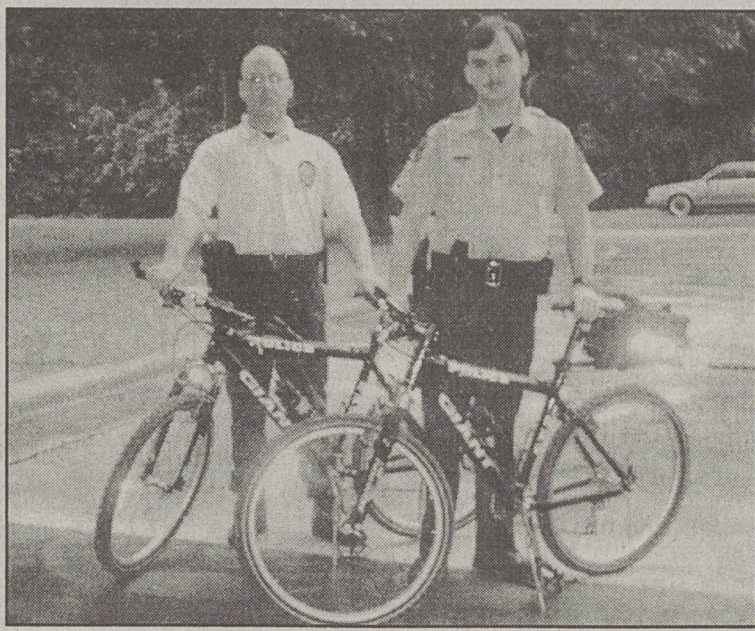
A new bike unit that includes two Giant mountain bikes and four trained riders has been up and running since early spring. "The bike patrol has been in the works for the past two years," Chief Richard Reynolds commented. "Our goal was to start with two bikes and then add two more to enhance what COPS is already doing," he added. The bikes are expensive and the department has been very fortunate that donations were given to help purchase the first two bikes.

Officers Chad Burnette, Brent Harp, Tony Reeves, and Steve Skinner are the certified riders at the department and plans are to send several more officers to training in July and August.

Training includes a week of extensive riding and learning maneuvers on the bikes. Officers learn to ride up and down steps, sprint, run, and fire at targets, as well as, learn take down techniques from the bikes. The officers are then able to do different things that are often difficult from a patrol car. "The bike patrol is a good, quiet way to get surveillance and a means to get up close and personal with the community," Reynolds stated.

"People are surprised and glad to see us," said Officer Reeves. The bike patrol is a way to get involved with the people in the community and promote a positive image of police work, he stated.

Officer Skinner added that they had received a lot of positive calls and comments about the bikes. "We are trying to fit the needs of the city by adding



Tony Reeves, left, Steve Skinner - KMPD's bike patrol

another means of protection for the citizens and a deterrent to crime," said Skinner.

The bike patrol will be scheduled for use as needed. It is a tactical type unit and there will not be scheduled hours, said

Reynolds. "Everyone is excited about this. COPS is a very important part of our steps to stop crime before it happens by interacting with the public," Reynolds said.

KM POLICE REPORT

ARRESTS

Noah Lavon Adams, 29, 207 Branchwood Circle, DWI and driving while license revoked, \$600 bond, secured.

Sterling Antwan Bess, 22, 112 N. Cansler St., injury to personal property and resisting public officer.

Tony Phillip Sisk, 43, 915 Second St., assault on a female.

Richard Dale Collins, 48, 1207 W. Gold St., intoxicated and disruptive, \$300 bond, secured.

Kai S. Brantley, 18, 4C Kingswood Apts., assault with a deadly weapon, \$1000 bond, unsecured.

Tony Eric Gardin, 39, 407 York Rd., assault on a female.

Lisa Michelle Whitehead, 28, 614 Monroe Ave., simple assault.

William Lester Hunt, 34, 211 Orr Terrace, assault with a deadly weapon, \$1,000 bond, unsecured.

CITATIONS

Rita Carlotta Black, 20, 5075-32 Pennington Place, running a stop sign.

Wanda Kay Bess, 44, 24 Summerfield West, stop sign violation.

Shirley Hull Mayhew, 38, 103 Elru Court Trailer 4, Shelby, speeding.

Terie Lee Woodward, 20, 818 1/2 Margrace Rd., stop light violation.

Jonathan Charles Epps, 29, 117 Ross Rd., Waco, speeding.

Coleman Eugene Anderson, 47, 505 S. Battleground Ave., expired tag.

Carl Anthony Falls, 52, 3236 Audrey Drive, Gastonia, expired tag.

Jerie Nicole Carpenter, 21, 112 Stinnett Dr., Bessemer City, speeding.

Willie James Tuft, 45, 605 Clyde St., Cherryville, stop sign violation.

Angela Annette Young, 21, 114 Tabernacle Dr., stop sign violation.

Paul Phillip McCleary, 47, 415 Clinton Dr., possession of drug paraphernalia.

Leonard Logan, 25, 102 Grier St., Grover, fictitious tag.

Roy Evans Pennington, 53, 111 Morris Rd., Lot 8, failing to show 96 hour permit for a dealer's tag.

Bernice Robinson, 32, 612 Charles St. Apt. 16, no operator's license.

Gary Stephen Bess, 30, 311 Stowe Acres, expired tag.

Amanda Nicole Spriggs, 29, 351 Mary's Grove Church Rd., stop sign violation.

Amanda Pearson, 19, 206 Fairview St., seat belt violation.

Brandie Nichole Burton, 18, 103 Vickie Dr., seat belt violation.

Lina Darlene Hope, 44, 1651 Stoney Point Rd., Shelby, no operator's license.

Brenda Wells, 52, 125 Northgate Rd., Gastonia, unsafe movement.

Joseph William Tesseneer, 73, 405 N. Cansler St., unsafe movement.

Rose Whitworth Dawkins, 41, 2015 Redwood Circle, stop sign violation.

Irene Anita Colledge, 59, 105 New Moon Lane No. 2, stop sign violation.

John David Martin, 25, 313 Churchill Dr., stop sign violation and no insurance.

Amanda Christine Blanton, 54, 207 Pinehurst Dr., speeding.

Carl Bruce DeVane, 61, 1308 Wales Rd., unsafe movement.

Gary Wayne Ross, 52, 512 Amhurst Dr., stop sign violation.

INCIDENTS

Kings Mountain Middle School, Phifer Rd., reported damage to a storm door and weather box.

Allaine Duncan, 805 Church St., reported damage to tree limbs.

Alan Hagans, 2085 Bethlehem Rd., reported damage to his car and theft of a cell phone, pager and other items.

Harris-Teeter, King St., reported that a customer passed three bogus checks.

Thomas Yoe, 2071-Fallston Rd., Shelby, reported damage to his car taillight cover.

Brian Lee Ware, 812 Ellison St., reported that a suspect threatened him by pointing a handgun at him.

Martha McConnell, 804 Linwood Rd., reported theft of jewelry and clothing.

Tammy Bumgardner, 206 E. Gold St., reported that she was assaulted.

Tina Alexander, 204 Orr Terrace, reported that she was assaulted.

Lisa Degree, 407 York Road, reported that she was assaulted.

Kings Mountain Middle School, Phifer Rd., reported damage to a door.

Stephanie Weaver, 220 Walker St., reported theft of a blonde Cocker Spaniel.

Roy Lee Chitwood, 204 Fulton St., reported theft of his Chevrolet Corsica valued at \$12,000.

Anthony Taylor, 815 Church St., reported theft from his vehicle.

Martin Clarkson, 420 Tate Terrace, reported damage to his back door.

Keisha Kirkland, 400 S. Cansler St., reported theft of a handgun.

Cleveland County Board of Education, Shelby, reported that windows were broken out of school buses and a building door damaged at the Kings Mountain Middle School, Phifer Road.

Ronald McKensie, Hickory Grove, SC, reported theft from his vehicle.

Rhonda Lambert, 200 Fulton St., reported that she was assaulted.

Kim Sanders, 1C Kingswood, reported that she was assaulted.

Kelly Moore Sisk, 915 Second St., reported that she was assaulted.

Werner Enterprises, Omaha, Nebraska, reported theft of a CB radio from a car parked at a local motel.

Dunkin Doughnuts, New Jersey, reported theft of a CB radio and damage to a car parked at a local motel.

Coleman Hunt, 101 Country Club Dr., reported theft of a radio and ring from vehicles.

Quality Alloys, York Rd., reported theft of a truck tailgate.

WRECKS

JUNE 14

A 1994 Chevrolet operated by Harvey Lawson, 1001 Jackson St., struck a dog on North Cleveland Avenue doing \$300 damage to the car.

A 1999 Chrysler operated by Sergio Perez-More, 803 W. King St., struck a 1978 Chevrolet truck operated by Junior Sipes, 410 Range Road, doing \$2800 damage. The accident happened at West King Street and North Railroad Avenue.

JUNE 15

A vehicle owned by Betty Crank, 28 Pine Manor, struck a parked 1996 Mazda owned by Vernon Webber, 415 Ross Grove Rd., Shelby. The accident happened in the parking area of Parrish Drive. Damages were estimated at \$1500.

JUNE 16

A 1990 Toyota truck operated by Michael Perry, Grover, hydroplaned on the 74 Bypass and struck a guard rail and ditch. Damages were estimated at \$1300.

Dora Wilson, 227 Ebenezer Rd., lost control of her 1989 Buick on the U 74 Bypass and the car was damaged \$200.

JUNE 18

A 1995 Hyundai operated by Angel Surratt, 3700/12 Margrace, struck the rear of a 1998 Ford operated by Joan Holland, 2019 Redwood Circle, doing \$500 damage. The accident happened on West King Street.

JUNE 19

Ptl. M. T. Dellinger cited Joseph Tesseneer, 405 N. Cansler St., with failure to yield the right of way after the Tesseneer 1994 Chevrolet truck struck a 1990 Pontiac operated by Melvin Halley, 3 Bennett Dr. The accident happened on York Road. Damages were estimated at \$3850.

JUNE 20

A 1996 Toyota truck operated by William Samuel McKinney, 2100 Green Oak Dr., Shelby, backed into a 1992 Buick operated by Tommie Bright II, 118 N. Cansler Street. The accident happened on N. Cansler Street. Damages were estimated at \$1900.

A 1991 Toyota truck operated by Steve Pearson, 811 W. Mountain St., struck a 1990 Chevrolet operated by Mary Davis, Bessemer City, on King Street. Damages were estimated at \$1400.

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