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Mayor Rick Murphrey presents a plaque to Police Chief Houston Corn, who was recently named Region C Police Chief of the Year, at last week's City Council meeting. Looking on is Corn's wife, Kathy.

KMPD receives grant for equipment, officers

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Increased population and territorial annexation means the Kings Mountain police department will be getting more new equipment.

Thanks to a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program, the KMPD will soon have a portable speed sign designed to show drivers how fast they are going. Not only will it indicate speed, it can also count traffic as well.

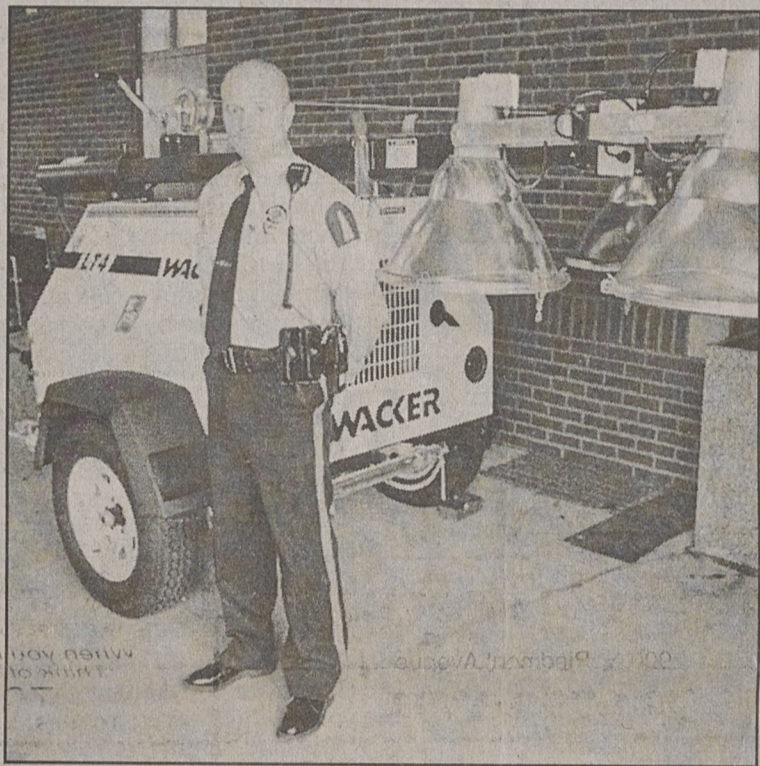
"The speed sign will be especially useful in school zones," said chief Houston Corn. "Its mobility means that we can move it around town to let people know how fast they are going."

Another new piece of equipment already on line is a portable light tower. The powerful array of floodlights are powered by a diesel engine and can be towed behind a vehicle. Besides the police department, the lights can also be used by other city agencies such as the fire department and utility department. The light tower was purchased with local government block grant funds.

Still more goodies include a new computerized recording machine for the police dispatch office.

"The old tape recorder had to be changed every 12 hours," said Corn. "The new one can operate up to 620 hours before it needs service."

In addition to its extended recording capabilities, the new equipment also allows Corn to monitor incoming calls as well as radio traffic between police, utility, and Sheriff's



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Kings Mountain police officer J.D. Buff stands with the new light trailer the department has purchased with grant monies. Other city departments will be able to borrow the lights if the need should arise.

Department personnel. The computer records time and source of calls, as well as length of conversation.

Also part of the grants that the KMPD has received will be the addition of two new officers for traffic patrol duties. The positions could be filled in about 30 days. A new patrol car will also be brought on line.

"With recent annexations, we have about eight more miles of

I-85 and seven miles of Highway 74 Business to patrol," Corn said.

Corn also said that the new traffic patrol officers would monitor other high traffic areas such as King Street and Highway 161.

"The new patrol officers will be on duty seven days a week. This will let us free up officers to perform other duties," he said.

KM POLICE REPORT

ARRESTS

Jimmy Lingerfelt, 37, 102 Yarbrow Rd., stalking, \$500 secured bond.

Vincent James, 529 Baker St., assault on female, no bond.

Ricky Strange, 41, Fallston, DWI, failure to stop at scene of accident, \$500 unsecured bond.

Leonard Humphries, 37, 208 Ganley St., DWI, \$266 secured bond.

Wesley Faucette, 44, 704 Marion St., consumption at off-premises establishment, intoxicated and disruptive, \$1,000 secured bond.

Tracy Lanier, 36, 113 Jenny Ln., larceny, \$300 secured bond.

Camille McSwain, 40, 803 Phillips Dr., assault.

Walter Jordan, 52, 803 Phillips Dr., assault on a female.

UNIFORM CITATIONS
Brandon Moss, 18, 301 Campbell Cir., failing to stop at stop sign.

Diane Allen, 52, 119-10 Mountainside Dr., speeding 51 in 35 zone.

Joseph Meadows Jr., 37, 118 Wade Dr., stop light violation.

Richard Noblett, 35, 824 Second St., failing to sign registration card.

Marlisha Pendergraph, 21, Grover, expired registration plate.

James Hunter, 45, Rutherfordton, speeding 68 in 45 zone.

Sangouanesay Silaphet, 37, 116 Butternut Dr., expired registration plate.

Joan Suarez, 32, 814 Landing St. #8, speeding 70 in 45 zone, failure to carry registration card.

Mario Sias Jr., 18, Goose Creek, SC, driving too fast for conditions.

William Hill Jr., 106 Jerem Dr., expired inspection sticker.

Deana Andrus, 33, Gastonia, seat belt violation.

Debra Gingles, Gastonia, seat belt violation.

Angela Hoffman, 29, 129 Green Meadows Dr., speeding 70 in 45 zone.

Sharon Huss, 38, 112 Wade Dr., speeding 63 in 45 zone.

Wallace Carroll Jr., 26, Grover, speeding 63 in 45 zone.

Carla Curry, 40, 130 Lake Montonio Rd., fictitious registration plate.

Curtis Jordan, 37, 2103 Loblolly Ln., speeding 80 in 55 zone.

Letonya Gidney, 24, Shelby, speeding 65 in 45 zone.

Ronald Amos, 56, Rutherfordton, exceeding safe speed.

Rittakone Kousol, 30, Charlotte, no driver's license, speeding 78 in 55 zone.

Jackie Saults, 54, Grover, exceeding safe speed.

Candace Abston, 27, Smyrna, SC, failing to stop at flashing red light.

Akimberly Ijames, 22, 612 Charles St. Apt. 25, no inspection sticker, expired registration plate.

INCIDENTS

Matthew Fox, 205 N. Piedmont Ave., reported larceny of a 1995 Mercury. Value of the car is \$10,000.

Crystal Parks, Chesterfield Apt. #49, reported someone took her 2000 Cavalier without permission. Value of the car is \$17,000.

Hediger Enterprises, 612 Charles St., reported that someone kicked a door, causing \$150 damage.

Little Dan's, 1231 S. Battleground Ave., reported obtained property by false pretense by paying with a check and later payment was stopped.

Community Grocery, 320 Waco Rd., reported receiving a worthless check.

Yola McClain, Bessemer City, reported being assaulted.

Alfredo Cupido, 811 W. Gold St. #29, reported larceny of a registration plate.

Harris Teeter, 610 E. King St., reported larceny of health and beauty items and soft drinks, total value \$45-plus.

Bernice Roseboro, 1318 Northwoods Dr., reported breaking and entering and larceny of money.

Suzanne Beard, 607 W. Mountain St., reported that someone broke into her vehicle and stole various cards, a checkbook, a purse valued at \$10, and a cell phone valued at \$50.

Dorothy Chapman, 107 S. Goforth St., reported a common law robbery. She said someone grabbed her purse while she was leaving Harris Teeter.

Winn Dixie, Springs St., reported larceny of cigars.

Food Lion, 1320 Shelby Rd., reported larceny of wine coolers.

Pine Manor Apts., 612 Charles St., reported that someone shot into an unoccupied apartment. Damage to the window and window blind was \$45.

Gina Strausser, 940 Grace St., reported an assault with a deadly weapon (that someone swerved a car toward a child).

Southern Convenience #489, 212 W. King St., reported larceny of eight racing caps valued at \$143.60.

City of Kings Mountain, 101 E. Gold St., reported two incidents of tampering with a power meter.

Clayton Hannah, 931 Church St., reported that someone broke into his truck and stole a

scanner valued at \$400.

Inez Bowles, 811 W. Gold St. Lot 15, reported that someone poured sugar into the gas tank of her vehicle.

WRECKS

A vehicle driven by John McGinnis of Kings Mountain was attempting to make a left turn at Shelby and Roxford Rds., and was struck in the rear by a vehicle driven by Jessie Anthony. Damage to the Anthony car was \$1,000 and damage to the McGinnis car was \$2,000.

Vehicles driven by Jennifer Xaylitdet and Christopher Huskey, both of Kings Mountain, struck on U.S. 74 at Tracy St. Damage to the Xaylitdet car was \$1,000 and damage to the Huskey car was \$2,500.

Vehicles driven by Raymond Gregory and Jon Waldt, both of Kings Mountain, struck on Highway 216 at Dickson St. Damage to the Gregory vehicle was \$4,000 and damage to the Waldt vehicle was \$500.

An item fell off the back of a City of Kings Mountain truck driven on Highway 216 by Jeffrey Randolph, and struck a car driven by Holly Robinson of Kings Mountain. Damage to the Robinson vehicle was \$500.

Vehicles driven by Charles Davis of Bessemer City and Angela Farr of Kings Mountain struck on Pennington Pl. at Mobile Home Dr. Damage to each vehicle was \$800.

Vehicles driven by Johnson Fulbright and Angela McConuaghey, both of Kings Mountain, struck on U.S. 74 at Piedmont Ave. Damage to the Fulbright car was \$1,500 and damage to the McConuaghey car was \$800.

Ricky Dale Strange was charged with DWI, failure to reduce speed, driving left of center, and leaving the scene of an accident after his vehicle struck a parked vehicle owned by Theresa Adams on Morris St. Damage to the Strange car was \$100. Damage to the Adams car was \$1,000.

A car driven by Dwain Jackson of Kings Mountain struck a car driven by Sophia Johnson of Kings Mountain in the parking area of KM Plaza. Damage to the Jackson car was \$800. Damage to the Johnson car was \$300.

A vehicle driven by Crystal Majors of Kings Mountain was slowing to make a turn into a driveway on Fulton Dr. and was struck in the rear by a vehicle driven by Dwain Jackson of Kings Mountain. Damage to the Majors vehicle was \$600. Damage to the Jackson vehicle was \$300.



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