

SHERIFF'S CORNER



Sheriff's Safety Tip of the Week

Sheriff Ingram suggests that Spring Break goers follow these Safety Tips:

On the Road

Buckle up, disco dancers! Also take turns behind the wheel, and whoever sits shotgun should stay awake to keep the driver company. Make sure everyone has a valid driver's license and the vehicle registration is in the car before driving off.

In Hotels

Reserve a room that's above the 1st floor but below the 6th floor. Why? First floor rooms are easier to break into, and rooms above the sixth floor are sometimes too high for fire ladders to reach. If safes are provided, definitely use them for any valuables you may have. Keep doors and sliding doors locked, and don't let anyone into your room unless you can trust them. Make a mental note of where the nearest fire exits and stairwells are located in case you need to evacuate.

At the ATM's

Try to go the ATM in groups, but avoid getting overly complacent about safety just because you're traveling in numbers. Also try to go during daylight hours. When you approach the ATM, do a full 360 degree scan, looking completely around you to see if anyone is hanging out where they shouldn't be. When punching in your pin number, use your other hand to cover the keypad. Always be on the lookout for anyone suspicious. If someone is creeping you out, go to another ATM. (There are plenty of them, especially in vacation spots!)

While Swimming

Jumping into the water without a lifeguard is putting yourself at risk. Even the most experienced swimmer can get caught in an undertow. In case you get caught in a rip current, don't try swimming against it. Instead, swim parallel to shore until the rip passes.

Try to stay within the designated swimming area and always swim with a buddy. Also know the flag system for water safety:

-Red Flag: Stay out of the water because of strong undertow and riptides.

-Yellow Flag: Use CAUTION in the water. There are some undertow and riptides possible.

-Blue Flag: Calm water. Swim safely.

Going Out

Go out with your friends; go home with your friends. It's one of those things that keep you a whole lot safer. Also be on the lookout for signs of predatory drugs: extreme wooziness, confusion, difficulty standing and slurring speech. If you notice this in yourself or a friend, get someone to help you or you help a friend to get medical treatment.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Detention Officer Peter Arnold



Officer Peter Arnold has been employed with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office since February 11, 2008. Officer Arnold started with the Sheriff's office as a Detention Officer in our Detention Facility. When the Sheriff's Office started its first BLET Class Officer Arnold applied through a letter of request to the Sheriff of his interest in taking BLET. The Sheriff's Office sponsors four officers in each BLET class and Officer Arnold was chosen because of his ability and excellent work performance as a Detention Officer. Officer Arnold did very well in BLET and now is dual certified as a Detention Officer and Deputy. His goals are to be a Deputy and be on the SWAT Team. Prior to working with the Sheriff's Office he worked at Lowes. He has always provided professional services to the citizens of Brunswick County. Officer Arnold is married and has one little girl. We appreciate all of his hard work and dedication to the BCSO.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & AREA HOTSPOTS:

SHALLOTTE / OCEAN ISLE BEACH / CALABASH / SUPPLY

- ✚ Breaking & entering auto / Pinewood Rd / Supply
- ✚ Breaking & entering / 7187 Dale Ave / Ocean Isle Beach
- ✚ Breaking & entering / 7239 Dale Ave / Ocean Isle Beach
- ✚ Larceny/ Boones Neck Rd/ Supply
- ✚ Breaking & entering/ Woodrow Street/ Supply
- ✚ Larceny/ Hughes Smith Rd/ Ash
- ✚ Property damage/ Springmill /Calabash
- ✚ Property damage/ Beach Drive/ Ocean Isle Beach
- ✚ Breaking & entering/ Ash Little River Rd/ Ash
- ✚ Breaking & entering/ Stone Chimney Rd/ Supply
- ✚ Larceny/ Sand Castle Drive/ Supply
- ✚ Larceny/ High Point Ave/ Calabash
- ✚ Property damage/ Mars Drive/ Shallotte

BOLIVIA / SOUTHPORT / LELAND

- ✚ Breaking & entering / Wardsn Ct / Winnabow
- ✚ Breaking & entering auto / 375 Old Town Creek Road / Winnabow
- ✚ 2- breaking & entering auto / Diamond Ct / Leland
- ✚ Breaking & entering auto / Stoney Creek Lane / Leland
- ✚ Larceny/ Friendship Loop/ Bolivia
- ✚ Larceny/ Randolphville Rd/ Bolivia
- ✚ Larceny/ Colon Mintz Rd/ Leland
- ✚ Breaking & entering/ Old Mill Creek Rd/ Winnabow

- ✚ Breaking & entering/ Creek Bend Drive/Leland
- ✚ Breaking & entering/ Fish Factory Rd/Southport
- ✚ Breaking & entering/ Benton Ave/ Bolivia
- ✚ Breaking & entering/ Fish Factory Rd/ Southport

The sheriff's office urges everyone to be observant and keep a watchful eye on their property and neighbor's property and to call 911 on any suspicious activity. Always remember to lock your doors and remove any valuables from your vehicle.

**ANYONE WITH ANY INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 911 OR LIEUTENANT SAM DAVIS AT 253-2777
OR EMAIL: www.brunswicksheriff.com**

Northend Substation Now Open

Our Northend Substation in Leland is now officially open for business!! We are located at 1112 Suite102 E Cutlar Crossing (at the entrance to Brunswick Forest, next to Port City Java). Our hours are 9am-5pm Monday thru Friday; you can contact us directly at 910-383-3352. We will be able to provide services such as Gun Permits, Concealed Weapon Permits and take incident reports.