IT’S ALL ABOUT FAMILY
OURS AND YOURS
From the Desk of Sheriff McMahon

For over the past three years we have been pursuing a national accreditation through the American Correctional Association. I would like to thank our entire Detention Staff for all their hard work, dedication and professionalism.

The assessment was done and we did extremely well! We will be attending a conference this summer where we plan to be awarded the Accreditation.

We will be one of only two Sheriff’s Offices in North Carolina to have accomplished this honor.

Way to go Detention!!

Stay Safe and God Bless,
Sheriff Ed

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Vice & Narcotics Division

Submit a Crime Tip -
Involving Citizens in Solving Crime

By Carol Scheidegger

The purpose of “Submit A Crime Tip”, also referred to as “Text-A-Tip”, is to provide the citizens of New Hanover County a way of informing the New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office about happenings within the community. This information may not be urgent enough to call 911 but is important and can be submitted anonymously at https://www.newhanoversheriff.com/submit-a-crime-tip/.

Captain Hart, Division Commander of the Vice and Narcotics Unit told me that the Submit A Crime Tip program has been very helpful in identifying drug suspects or possible drug trafficking activities through reporting of unusual or especially heavy activity within neighborhoods. These tips lead to enhanced arrest rates and help solve crimes. Even reports of unusual odors can lead to identifying crimes that are or have been committed.

Submission of information is highly encouraged...even observations that may seem insignificant. Detectives review the submissions for duplicated and misleading information prior to taking action prompted by the leads. If you feel that you have witnessed an activity or have a hunch that something is not quite right in your neighborhood, please use this tool to inform law enforcement. It is vital for citizens to be involved in keeping New Hanover County free of crime!

New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office thanks you for your participation.

Detective Division

Cold Case Profile: Frank Brown

By: Det. Justin Varella

On July 3rd, 2002 at about 9:50 pm, Frank Brown’s son and two of his friends arrived at Frank’s house at 2006 Oakley Rd. to find Frank’s pickup truck leaving the driveway with someone other than Frank, a person they did not recognize, behind the wheel. They followed the truck for a short distance and returned to the residence to alert Frank that his truck had been taken or find out what was going on. This is when they found Frank lying in his bed, deceased of what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head. Frank’s teenage son called 911 and alerted the authorities. During the course of the 911 call, Frank’s son advised that he believed he saw Frank’s pickup truck drive back past the house while he was on the phone with the dispatcher. Frank’s truck was later found by investigators a short distance down the road.

Frank Brown was an Assistant Manager at the Food Lion store in the Wrightsboro Community and was a divorced father of a teenage son. He was well liked by his neighbors and co-workers and was described as a positive individual. The case remains a mystery to this day. Anyone that may have information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the NHSO Detective Division Cold Case Unit at (910)798-4260 or submit a tip through the Sheriff’s Office website.
ARSON Investigations

Fighting Fire with Expertise
By Detective D.F. Perry and Jane Love

There are few things in life more dangerous than a fire, especially in a dwelling. Few who witness a building burn down ever forget it. But the New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office (NHCSO) Detective Division has three full time Fire/Arson Investigators who are experts in arson investigations.

Arson is the willful or malicious burning or charring of property. There are different types of arson, depending on the type of property damaged and whether it is a “dwelling” (a structure which people inhabit). Arson statutes typically classify this crime as a felony because of the potential to cause death, injury or total destruction.

The NHCSO Investigators who work these cases are Detectives Anthony Adams, Justin Blevins and D. F. Perry. All three assist with fire scenes that present questionable evidence. These Investigators work with the New Hanover County Fire Marshall’s Office, the State Bureau of Investigation, Wilmington Fire Department, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Detective Perry is also certified as a Fire Investigator Technician through the International Association of Arson Investigators and is a Certified Fire Investigator through the North Carolina State Department of Insurance and the North Carolina State Fire Marshall’s Office. All three Detectives constantly train on arson investigations through online and hands-on scenarios to improve their proficiency and maintain state certification.

When the Fire Department arrives at a fire scene, their priority is to save lives and property. Once the fire is contained, they do an “overhaul” of the scene to look for victims and evidence. The fire scene is extremely important to the investigation. Each fire has a pattern and investigators always begin by locating the area of origin. The Investigator determines the area least damaged and compares it to the most heavily damaged. This helps to determine the fire’s origin. Based on their expert examination of the scene, the Fire Marshall’s Office determines a cause and origin of the fire. If there is evidence that a fire was intentionally started, the Sheriff’s Office Investigator Team is called in. Once on scene, they are briefed by the Fire Marshall and Fire Captain on the evidence recovered and theories on the fire’s origin. The Investigators then begin to search for property ownership, background information on the property, and persons who might have information on the crime.

The Detectives also interview any on-scene witnesses who may offer important observations. When the owner is located, he or she is interviewed about all aspects of the property that may be relevant to the fire.

Unfortunately, there are times when an arson investigation involves a fatality. In these cases, the Investigator must also locate the victim’s family for a death notification. Contact with the family is also important because the investigator will collect medical information on the victim to confirm his or her identity and to uncover factors of the victim’s life that may be relevant to their death.

Once all the information has been gathered, the detectives determine if an illegal act has been committed and, if so, narrow down the suspects. If there is sufficient evidence for charges, arrest warrants are issued and served as soon as feasible. The detectives then work closely with the District Attorney’s Office in any subsequent prosecutions for the crime.

Arson cases can present some of the most complex and serious crimes in the legal system. The NHCSO Detectives who perform this work are dedicated to seeing that justice is served whenever an arson has been committed.
Deputy Matthew Whitt – Patrol Deputy of the First Quarter 2018

Deputy Brian Hopkins – Stellar Award for observing an armed robbery in progress at the Shelly Road Fast Fare. His observation and communication caused one of the three suspects to be captured, the getaway car and several firearms to be seized and one of the other suspects to be identified and later arrested out of state.

Corporal Madeline Beyer – Promoted to Corporal in Downtown Task Force

Sergeant Charles Gore – Stellar Award for interrupting a potential armed robbery at 5325 Carolina Beach Road. A subject was behind the business wearing a full ski mask and large butcher knife.

Sergeant Charles Chapman – Promoted to Sergeant in School Resource Officers
DETENTION DIVISION

Inspections

By Carol Scheidegger

The New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office Detention Division is inspected by over 20 regulatory authorities throughout the year. Inspections are conducted routinely to assure that the Detention Division meets various county, state, and federal codes. These inspections are conducted by authorities from agencies such as the NHC Health Department, Fire Marshall, Department of Health and Human Services, and various Federal Authorities. Inspections are conducted to assure that the Detention Unit is compliant to accreditation standards, that it is run safely, and that inmates are treated fairly and humanely.

Captain M. Vincent, Detention Unit Division Commander, Support, told me that some inspections are scheduled, but that many others take place without notice. This means that the Detention Division must be ready for all inspections/audits at all times. The American Correctional Association has 383 standards that must be met, 60 mandatory and 323 non-mandatory. Records are maintained for all of these and must be up to date at all times. He also told me that the Sheriff’s Office has never experienced a failure! That’s pretty impressive.

The Health Department inspects the Detention Facility kitchen much the same as restaurants in the area. The most significant difference is that the Detention Unit receives a pass/fail rating rather than a health grade or score. Meals must be approved by a registered dietician and must cover a variety of dietary concerns such as diabetes, coronary care, and food allergies. Appropriate caloric intake must also be considered. The Health Department also assures that the medical section within the Detention Unit meets all code requirements.

The Department of Health and Human Services assures that the division meets the NC Jail Code, referred to as 14J. Such items as caloric intake, clinic/medical needs and sanitation are monitored. The Detention Division also contracts medical staff such as a psychologist, psychiatrist, and dentist, along with medical personnel available on a daily basis to dispense medicines and monitor medical needs. An on-site pharmacy is also maintained and subject to inspections. A juvenile offender section is also maintained for 16 and 17 year olds and must be monitored according to jail codes that are in place to cover juvenile offenders.

The Fire Marshall inspects items such as fire extinguishers to assure that they are up to date and in working order. They also check backflow on the fire suppression system and assure that entrance and exit points meet codes.

The Detention Division is contracted to accommodate federal inmates and therefore is also subject to inspections by various federal agencies. The Division must meet the standards for US Martials and the Bureau of Prisons.

Several inspections are specific to particular equipment or areas within the Detention Facility. Cameras throughout the facility are inspected routinely as is the x-ray machine and radiation badges for the operators. Generators must be load tested and emergency plans are approved and monitored by Emergency Management. Other things that fall under inspections are weapons, vehicles, and any equipment issued to Law Enforcement personnel. Inspections are a never ending process that requires due diligence at all times.
SHERIFF’S CITIZEN ACADEMY

The Sheriff’s Citizen’s Academy is free to the public and designed to expose participants to many different aspects of law enforcement to include the day-to-day operation of the New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office.

Participants will hear presentations from the Sheriff, Sheriff’s Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators, K-9 handlers as well as state and federal agencies. They will also tour the Sheriff’s Office, the Detention Facility, and see demonstrations of the Sheriff’s K-9 teams, Firearms, and the Sheriff’s Patrol and Emergency Response Team, along with other Unit demonstrations within the NHC Sheriff’s Office.

Please join us August 14, 2018 — October 23, 2018

Qualifications:

- Complete and sign a Sheriff Citizen Academy application (see link below)
- Be at least 18 years of age or older
- Allow a background check, and not have any prior felony convictions or any misdemeanor convictions that question the moral character of the applicant.
- Be willing to commit to attending a 3-hour class every Tuesday evening from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm for eleven (11) weeks.


WE HOPE TO SEE YOU!

Mounted Unit, Stache, and Longtime Visit First Presbyterian Preschool

In April the Mounted Unit visited the First Presbyterian Preschool 3 year old classes. Lt. Amy Long riding Stache and Master Deputy Andrea Gordon riding Longtime provided the children with a close up view of the horses, told them about some of the duties of the Mounted Unit, and educated them about the care of the horses. The children participated in a lively Q & A session and found out some things like, horses can see in the dark, they love to eat sweets (including doughnuts), and they lock their knees and stand up to sleep. Longtime, ridden by Gordon, delighted the children with a few tricks. A wonderful time was had by everyone...deputies, horses, and children!
The Bailiff Section of the Judicial Services Division

By Corporal S. Flores and Jane Love

The New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office (NHCSO) deploys deputies as Bailiffs to oversee the safety, security and conduct of legal activities in the New Hanover County Judicial Complex. This article contains an overview of their responsibilities.

These deputies protect the main courthouse (316 Princess Street), as well as the Office of Juvenile Justice (138 N. Fourth Street) in Wilmington NC. Under the leadership of Lt. Amy Long and Sgt. Shawn Newton, the bailiffs provide support to the 5th District of the North Carolina Judicial System, which handles the entire range of judicial actions, including criminal, civil, family law, juvenile matters, small claims, special proceedings and estates.

The Bailiffs review all court dockets to ensure that inmates held in NHCSO’s custody are present for their court dates. This “behind the scenes” action includes compiling a comprehensive list of inmates the day before their court session and sending that list to confinement officials so they can gather the custody papers for those inmates. Early the next day, a Bailiff Section “morning pickup” deputy picks up this paperwork from Detention and turns it into a working file for the Bailiffs in each courtroom.

Then the Bailiff Section, along with the Transportation Unit secures the area around the courthouse as they transport the prisoners on the morning of their appearances. The prisoners are led to assigned holding rooms in the courthouse and Bailiffs make sure they are secured and fed while waiting for their courtroom appearance.

The public will see Bailiffs assigned to each courtroom. In the criminal courts, the teams consist of a primary Bailiff who oversees the safety and security of the courtroom who is assisted by one or more secondary Bailiffs. These teams maintain order in the courtroom, make time-honored “court calls” (in the long-standing tradition of the Sheriff’s Office), provide security for the judge and other courtroom officials, escort and secure inmates that need to be seen, serve papers when directed, take people into custody, and ensure that all paperwork transferred from Detention is returned to Detention.

Throughout the court’s day, the Bailiffs will also escort people to the Magistrate’s Office so they may post bond, move inmates back to Detention as they finish with their court appearances and assist the Courthouse Security Section in screening people at the front entrance of the courthouse. The Bailiffs must also be ready to respond to any threat or emergency that arises in or around the courthouse.

The Bailiff Section also provides personnel to secure County Commissioner meetings, Zoning Board of Adjustment sessions, Teen Court, Family Court Orientation, Planning Board meetings and the County Tax Office (during tax season).

Finally, the Bailiff Section is organized into a command unit consisting of the senior supervisors and detention officers who man the five secure holding units, a District Court Unit, and a Superior Court Unit. The latter two units have members who are cross-trained to provide maximum flexibility in meeting the courtroom staffing needs.

Sometimes, in a single day, Bailiffs are asked to cover as many as three criminal district courtrooms, four superior civil/criminal courtrooms, two to three district civil court rooms, OJJ and video “first appearances” in district court. Handling the security of all of these activities is a tall order, but it’s one the Bailiff’s Section of the New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office takes on with confidence and pride.
The Sheriff and his Deputies are Sworn Officers — Why Does it Matter?

By Jane Love

When a North Carolina Sheriff, or any of his deputies, assumes his or her position, they are required to take a formal oath or affirmation, usually by holding one hand in the air and one hand on a bible (or similar religious book). The swearing-in ceremony reminds the participant and witnesses of the significance of the commitment and authority the new officer has accepted in connection with the new government position.

The specific commitment required of a new Sheriff’s Deputy is to:

“...support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina....”

The oath of office further requires the new officer to promise that he or she will

“...be alert and vigilant to enforce the criminal laws of [North Carolina], that he/she will not be influenced in any matter on account of personal bias or prejudice, and that he/she will faithfully and impartially execute and discharge the duties of their office according to the best of their skill, abilities and judgment....”

You might be surprised to know that this oath is required by both the North Carolina Constitution and its statutes. According to a legal treatise on North Carolina Law, the state has adopted three constitutions – in 1776, 1868, and 1971 – and all three mandated that persons selected for public office must take a sworn oath.

In 1791 the General Assembly adopted an oath for incoming officeholders that incorporated a pledge to support the new United States Constitution, which the state had ratified in 1789. The oath set out in that 1791 law is the same oath now codified in the general statutes (Gen. Stat. 11-7).

In 1868, after the Civil War, state delegates gathered in Raleigh to draft a new state constitution.

In addition to requiring that public officeholders take an oath, the 1868 constitution prescribed the oath’s text. The new oath contained a promise to support not only the U.S. Constitution, but also the “laws of the United States.”

This phrase was significant because it recognized that officeholders were bound by the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (holding that no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States). The language also included a promise to support new Federal reconstruction laws, unpopular in former confederate states.

The 1971 constitution preserved the 1868 constitution’s oath of office, which appears almost entirely unchanged in Article VI, Section 7.

Under North Carolina statutes, the oath must be administered “with solemnity.” The statute explains this is because “...lawful affirmations for the discovery of truth and establishing right are necessary and highly conducive to the important end of good government...” (Gen. Stat. 11-1)

But North Carolina lawmakers also realized that some office holders might be opposed to swearing “by God” or taking any religious oath. Thus, officials are now permitted to “affirm” instead of “swear,” and to omit the words “so help me God” if they so choose. (Gen. Stat. 11-4)

Finally, the statutes specifically identify who may administer the oath of office. These include, among others, judges, the Secretary of State, notaries, members of the state legislature, or clerks of any county, city, town or state judicial body.

The oath of office is reminder that the United States is a nation of laws and that anyone who is entrusted with upholding the law must do so with dedication and integrity. The person who takes a solemn oath/affirmation to honestly uphold the law thus stakes his or her personal reputation and livelihood on doing just that.

The oath of office is so important that, from the 17th century to today, new law enforcement officers continue to swear or affirm that they will exercise their best judgment and act with integrity in carrying out their duties. This centuries-old tradition means that our law enforcement officers are ethically accountable for their public service.
The District Attorney’s Office  By: Jane Love

New Hanover County and Pender County share a District Attorney’s (DA’s) Office, headed by Mr. Benjamin David. The DA’s mission is to seek justice by ensuring that victim’s rights and the public’s safety are protected through the fair, equal, vigorous, and efficient enforcement of the criminal laws through the North Carolina courts.

The DA’s office is made up of approximately 40 staff members representing over 200,000 people living in New Hanover and Pender Counties. Mr. David, the District Attorney for the 5th District, is elected by the voters to serve a four-year term. District attorneys are full-time positions — they are not allowed to engage in the private practice of law while they hold their DA position.

The District Attorney’s primary responsibility is to prosecute criminal cases filed in the district. He represents the state in all criminal and some juvenile matters. In addition, he is responsible for preparing the criminal trial docket and advising law enforcement officers in his district.

District courts are the entry-level trial court, and the proper division for civil cases (less than $25,000), all juvenile matters, and criminal cases involving infractions or misdemeanors. If the parties involved in the case do not object, District Court can conduct civil jury trials, or hear civil matters with more than $25,000 in controversy.

Ordinarily, Superior Court is the proper division for civil cases involving more than $25,000, as well as all felony criminal cases.

According to Ms. Janet Coleman, a 21-year veteran prosecutor in the DA’s Office, most of the criminal cases handled locally are connected to illegal drug activity. “You really can’t separate illegal drug use and crimes — they go together,” she says. “But we are making an effort to prosecute drug dealers differently from the individual drug user, who is driven by his or her addiction.”

In addition, the rate of violent crimes is declining in New Hanover and Pender counties. Ms. Coleman notes that statistics show that while the local population has increased 33% over the past 15 years, violent crime has decreased 43%. “We’re working hard to keep this trend going,” she says. “Close cooperation with all of the local law enforcement agencies make a real difference in effectively preventing and resolving crimes.”

Every weekday you’ll find County Prosecutors working, case by case, to uphold law and order in this county. Litigating criminal cases is hard work — just visit any NHC courtroom if you doubt that.

The current Public Defender, Ms. Jennifer Harjo, was appointed as the first New Hanover County Public Defender (District 5) in December 2007. Ms. Harjo’s office is one of 16 public defender’s offices in the state. Ms. Harjo supervises 14 staff attorneys, 7 administrative personnel and 2 investigators. Her office handles over 6,000 cases a year in New Hanover County.

In addition to handling adult and juvenile criminal cases, local public defenders also represent parents in civil cases initiated by the Department of Social Services, as well as those charged with contempt of court. The goal in representation of these cases is to attain reunification of children with parents and to improve the parents’ ability to comply with child support and other family court orders.

The employees in the Public Defender office are extremely dedicated to the service of their community and assisting those afflicted with poverty, mental and physical health ailments, and protecting the rights of their clients in the courtroom. In addition to their paid services, each member of the Public Defender office participates in many hours of volunteer services designed to reduce crime.

Our system of justice depends upon a fully funded and highly competent Public Defender system. Equality in the courtroom should not be dependent upon the balance of one’s bank account.

The Public Defender’s Office  By: Jane Love

In 1963, the United States Supreme court ruled (in Gideon v. Wainwright) that states must provide legal counsel to indigent citizens charged with a felony.

Seven years later, North Carolina officials complied with that ruling by establishing a statewide system to employ full-time, highly trained, professional, criminal defense attorneys to represent indigent defendants.

If a defendant cannot afford an attorney and is accused of a crime that could result in imprisonment, the defendant is eligible for the services of a lawyer at state expense. However, if the defendant is found guilty, he or she must pay back the money spent on his or her defense.

Public Defenders are state employees whose sole mission is to represent indigent defendants. In contrast, court-appointed lawyers are private practice attorneys who are contracted to provide representation to indigent defendants. Court-appointed lawyers may be utilized in cases where the Public Defender does not have the jurisdiction or capacity to take on certain cases. Private attorneys are also used if there is a conflict of interest for the Public Defender.
**Are you OK? (R U OK)**

Are you homebound because of physical or other limitations with no or limited oversight by a caregiver? Do you know someone who is homebound as described above? Are you interested in finding a system that will provide a daily check of the homebound person? If so, the R U OK program offered **free** to residents of New Hanover County by the Crime Awareness and Prevention (CAP) Unit of the New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office will meet your needs.

**What is the R U OK Program?**

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Please note: Subscribing to the program is not intended to cover temporary absences of a live-in caregiver; it is a continuing program. Temporary absences of the subscriber, e.g., doctor’s appointments, hospital stays, leaving town for a short period, etc., during the time of the daily call are allowed; however, they must be covered by leaving a message at **341-4347** with the appropriate details.

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NO! In fact, not only should subscribers retain these other services, they should obtain them if they are not subscribers at this time.

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**Answer Corner**  
*By: Perry Campbell*

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Teddy Bear Club Donates Bears to the NHCSO Detective Unit  By: Carol Scheidegger

A talented group of ladies in the Holiday, Florida area make stuffed bears that they then donate to organizations throughout their community. These stuffed bears are used to help children cope during times of stress. One of these ladies has ties to the New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office (she’s the mother of one of the VIPR volunteers). She and her club mates decided to send a few of these bears north to comfort children in New Hanover County. The bears were donated to the NHCSO Detective Unit and will be used to provide comfort and ease stress during particularly tough times in the lives of these children.

The New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office send a heartfelt “THANK YOU” to Barbara Dempsey, Mary Gazor, Rose Marie Guarneri, Miette Philips, Ruth Harden, Norma Graham, and June Pendergrass for their warm and kind contribution! (please forgive me if I omitted anyone.)

The NHCSO VIPR Unit hopes it has served to increase transparency and deepen the citizen’s awareness of the activities of the New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office. Printed copies of the newsletter are available to read in various places throughout the county and on the Sheriff’s Website at www.newhanoversheriff.com, but we welcome you to sign up for electronic copies by sending your name and email address to NHSONews@nhcgov.com. Your comments and suggestions are always greatly appreciated, and can be directed to NHSONews@nhcgov.com. We would love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Carol Scheidegger, VIPR
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New VIPRs complete the VIPR Orientation, June