

Surf City Police Department 2015 Events

Major Ron Shanahan was appointed as the Interim Chief of Police in September 2015 and was appointed to Chief of Police in January 2016.

Mainland Substation: The department acquired a mainland substation that allows mainland appointed patrol officers to utilize and allows better visibility for the community.

Disc Golf: Members of the department have donated time to creating a disc golf course for the community. Members have worked in the parcel of property on N.C. 210 that the Town of Surf City owns, to initiate the Surf City Disc Golf Course. The goal of this project is to build a strong community foundation. Additionally, the disk golf course would give tourists and citizens of the community an alternative recreational option in addition to our wonderful beach activities

Coffee with a Cop: Surf City Police Department has started a community relations program named Coffee with a Cop. The event is held at a designated location once a month and the goal is to have the public meet with officers at the event. There is no agenda, and the hope is that the community would feel comfortable to converse about anything they would want to ask, in an informal setting.

Operation Medicine Drop: Surf City Police Department has started the process to initiate a program that would allow citizens to dispose of unwanted/expired medicine at a designated site and/or event.

North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program: Captain Jeff Johnson has been appointed to serve as the Pender County Coordinator for the N.C.G.H.S. P. and Reserve Officer Kevin Martin has been assigned to report all necessary statistics to the N.C.G.H.S.P. The Surf City Police Department receives grant money for participating in the N.C.G.H.S.P. events, which ultimately promote highway safety and save lives. Example of N.C.G.H.S.P. events are Multiagency Checkpoints and Child Passenger Safety events.

Watch for Me NC: The Town of Surf City joined the Watch for Me NC program and the Surf City Police Department appointed 2 officers to obtain certification in the Watch for Me NC program which promotes pedestrian and bicycle safety.

No Shave November: The Surf City Police Department participated in a "No Shave November" event. It was the first year that the department participated in the event and was able to raise \$xxx that was donated to the N.C. Guardian Ad Litem Program.

Promotions/New Appointed Officers

Major Ron Shanahan was appointed to Chief of Police in January 2016.
Lieutenant Jeff Johnson was promoted to Captain in September 2015.
Sergeant Phil Voorhees was promoted to Lieutenant in September 2015.
Corporal Art Cunio was promoted to Sergeant in September 2015.
Corporal Jason Hartsfield was promoted to Sergeant in March 2015 and assigned to Detective Sergeant in September 2015.
Officer Tim Cowie was promoted to Corporal in March 2015.
Officer Garrett Mauck was promoted to Corporal in September 2015.
Corporal James Horne was assigned to Detective in September 2015.
Officer Erin Cable was hired as Patrol Officer in May 2015.
Officer Burke Bailey was hired as Patrol Officer in December 2015.
Reserve Officer Kevin Martin was hired as Reserve Patrol Officer in March 2015.
Administrative Assistant Amanda Andrews was hired in January 2015.

Officer Statistical Data

Average Age of Surf City Police Department: 40.8
Average Department Law Enforcement Years of Experience: 10.4 years
Average Administrative Law Enforcement Years of Experience: 18.6 years
Average Patrol Sergeant Law Enforcement Years of Experience: 16.75 years
Average Patrol Officer Law Enforcement Years of Experience: 4.75 years
Average Investigator Law Enforcement Years of Experience: 8 years
Percent of Officers with College Degree: 50%

Current Surf City Police Department Programs

The Surf City Police Department offers many community oriented programs. Below are a list and short summary of some of our programs. Some of the previously listed programs were established this year and already discussed (Coffee with a Cop, Operation Medicine Drop, No Shave November)

KareBear Program: Officers are supplied with stuffed animals that are stored in a patrol vehicle and given to children that officers encounter in stressful and/or traumatic situations.

R-U-OK Program: Surf City Police Department contact citizens that enroll in the program to check on his/her welfare. Primarily aimed at elderly and/or disabled population.

Cottage Watch Program: The Surf City Police Department offers citizens to sign up for a Cottage Watch Program when citizens are away from his/her home officers will check on the residence to ensure it is secure.

Operation Blue Light: The Surf City Police Department gives out free battery operated blue lighted candles that are encouraged to be displayed in citizen's homes to remember police officers that have given the ultimate sacrifice, died in the line of duty.

Ride Along Program: Community members can sign up and after signing a liability waiver, ride with a Surf City Police Officer. Restrictions do apply and any persons interested are encouraged to contact the department for details.

Extra Duty Employment: Community members can hire off duty police officers for situations and/or events that law enforcement presence is necessary. Restrictions do apply and persons interested are encouraged to contact the department for details.

Child Passenger Safety: The Surf City Police Department has a certified child safety seat technician that offers free installations and inspections of child safety seats. Contact the department to schedule an appointment.

Profile of K-9 Kayda

K9 Kayda is a 4 year old black Labrador Retriever, and currently serves as the K9 for the Surf City Police Department. K9 Kayda's handler is Officer Eric Petersen who has molded Kayda into a valuable asset for the police department. K9 Kayda was brought into service when she was 1 year old and trained through Ventosa Kennels. K9 Kayda is trained in narcotics detection (marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, and heroin), evidence recovery, tracking, and obedience.

Kayda had been certified through the following agencies:

Ventosa Kennels

American Police Dog Association

North American Police Dog Association

United States Police Dog Association

K9 Kayda has been instrumental to the Surf City Police Department and surrounding agencies in locating narcotics, injured people, fugitives, and educating the kids and adults alike in what a working dog can do through demonstrations.

When at home K9 Kayda sleeps indoors and has free reign of the home. Even when K9 Kayda is sleeping she is never far from her handler. Like most Labrador Retrievers, K9 Kayda loves to swim and play on the beach.



2015 Surf City Police Department Activity

3,635 Calls for Service (2,065 Island/1,463 Mainland/98 Out of Jurisdiction (Mutual Aid Requests))
 1,682 Operation Reports (Non-Criminal Calls for Service ex: Alarm Activations, Assist Citizen, etc.)
 1,961 Incident Report UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) crimes
 198 Arrest Report UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) charges
 350 Uniform Citations (Charges issued by citation)
 374 Written Warnings Issued
 76 Town Ordinance Citations
 194 Traffic Accident Reports
 153 Vehicle Unlock
 44 Found Property Reports
 281 Unfounded Calls for Service
 32,425 Business Checks Conducted
 1,064 Residence Checks Conducted

UCR Crime Stats

Part 1 Violent Crimes		
	2014	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	4
Robbery	1	0
Aggravated Assaults	11	9
Violent Crime	12	13

Part 1 Property Crimes		
	2014	2015
Burglary	10	21
Larceny	99	112
Vehicle Theft	2	3

Property Crime	111	136
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