



The Shining Star



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Lincoln County Sheriff's Office To Hold First Citizens Police Academy



The Sheriff's Office is currently taking applications for the Citizens Police Academy.

The academy will be presented in 11 sessions on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Class dates will run from mid-September through November. They will be held at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 700 John Howell Memorial Drive, Lincoln.

1st Sgt Erin Long prepared the program and says Com-

munity Oriented Policing provides the agency with a unique opportunity to reach out to its citizens and business owners. Each day officers interact with a select few of these residents in an effort to maintain peace and order in the community. This effort has been widely accepted and found by most to be very successful. Although we spend an enormous amount of time during the course of a day or night interacting with the public, the fact remains that there are hundreds and in some cases thousands that we are not able to meet. A Citizens Police Academy provides that opportunity in a positive, controlled environment. Participants will be introduced to various functions of the Sheriff's Office

that will include a ride-along with an officer, patrol procedure, criminal investigations, and how the communications center works.

The instructors are officers and personnel who specialize in their area of instruction.

The academy is open to Lincoln County residents who are at least 18 years old with no felony convictions.

Applications can be picked up at the Sheriff's Office and are available on line at www.lincolnsheriff.org.

Applications will be accepted through August 15, 2007. For more information, contact Sgt Long at 704-732-9050 or 704-736-8878.

Contacts of Interest

- CRIME AND DRUG TIP LINE 704-736-8606
- SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAIN NUMBER 704-732-9050
- COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NON EMERGENCY NUMBER 704-735-8202

ID Theft: Protect Your Information

By Leroy Buff

Your identity can be stolen in various ways. Listed are how thieves can get your personal information.

Credit cards, driver's license and social security card.

2. Mail from your box which contains bank and credit card statements, pre-approved offers and tax information.

Plote a change of address and have your mail diverted to another location

4. Thieves will rummage through trash to obtain information not shredded.

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Detention Center Receives A Top Rating



Detention Officers working at jail intake

“The safety and well being of the inmates is a top priority of the jail staff”

Jerry McMurry

Jail Administrator



Detention Kitchen Staff prepares meal

By Larry Seagle

Good Grades!

Lincolnton, NC – The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office Detention Center received a top rating during an unannounced inspection June 21, 2007 by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The detention facility was inspected for safety of inmates, sanitation in the jail, policies and procedures, fire plans, medical plans and reviews and other areas of operation.

Jail Administrator Jerry McMurry said, “The safety and well-being of the inmates is a top priority of the detention staff”. He is proud of the fact that the inspector indicated no changes in jail procedures needed to be made. Lt McMurry said, “There is a need for the periodic, unannounced inspections to keep facilities in the state in good condition.” McMurry went on to say that of 632 visitors who came to the detention center last year, not one complaint was received about the facility.

The detention center staff allows inmates to shower daily and does their jail and personal laundry. This extra service helps lead to the cleanli-

ness of the jail. The facility also has a registered nurse on duty about 14 hours a day and a doctor on call 24 hours a day.

Sheriff Tim L Daugherty said, “I am proud of the jail staff and I appreciate the hard work that they do.”

The detention facility had 108 inmates on the day of inspection and has a capacity of 168 inmates.

The Harven A. Crouse Detention Center opened in 1999 and was presented the North Carolina Jail Administrators Association Award for 2003. The award recognizes leadership, professionalism, outstanding achievement and a standard of excellence in the field of detention.

2nd Quarter 2007 Population Report

The average population at the Harven A. Crouse Detention Center was 109 inmates. The total number of inmates booked during the three month period was 787. 24 people were housed as Public Assist Arrest.

The number of week-enders in the jail was 102. 1,031 inmates were transported 12,493 miles during the second quarter.

ID Theft: Protect Your Information (continued from pg 1)

<p>5. Thieves can obtain your credit report by posing as a landlord or employer.</p> <p>6. They obtain information from your home by gaining access through door to door sales, home improvements, etc</p> <p>7. Lastly, do not share information over the internet with non secure sites. Information is obtained through so called</p>	<p>“spoof sites”</p> <p>Citizens being aware of these ways will hopefully create more awareness. Take control of how your personal information is distributed and always be vigilant in protecting your information.</p>	
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Deputies Receive Promotions

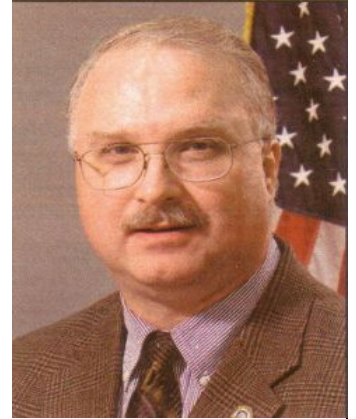
<p>Lincoln County Sheriff Tim L Daugherty announced July 1st the promotion of several officers.</p> <p>Detective Lonnie Leonard and School Resource Officer Jesse Helms were promoted to Narcotics.</p> <p>DARE officer Jim Ethers and Auxiliary deputy Darrell Hutchens were promoted to</p>	<p>the detective division. Also changing assignments were Tim Jamison from Lincoln High School Resource Officer to DARE officer. Deputy Dale Rex will take over as School Resource Officer at Lincoln.</p> <p>The new resource officer at North Lincoln will be deputy Seth Bailey replacing Jesse</p>	<p>Helms.</p>
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No Violations In Lincoln County with Video Poker Ban

<p>Lincolnton, NC - Lincoln County Sheriff's deputies checked all businesses and other locations that had video poker machines and found all registered machines have been removed in compliance with the new state law that went into effect on Sunday.</p> <p>Lincoln County Sheriff's Lt Jeff</p>	<p>Warlick said, "All locations have been checked, and all were found to be in compliance with the new law."</p> <p>As of July 1, 2007 all video poker machines are banned in North Carolina.</p>	
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Message From Sheriff Daugherty

When you call a deputy for service you no doubt expect a prompt response. There are many factors however that may come into play to delay out response. I would ask that you remain patient and I assure you that we will get there as quickly and as safely as we can. One way you can help us is to provide as much information as you can about your need to the dispatcher. Bona Fide emergency calls get top priority.



Noise complaints are one of our most difficult calls to handle. Often when the Deputy arrives the noise is no longer an issue so a citation is not written. To have a better understanding of the noise ordinance and other county ordinances, I encourage you to visit the county's web site and click on their link to county Ordinances. The web page is <http://www.lincolncounty.org/County/ordinances/Policies.htm>. When you call in a noise complaint I would ask you to be mindful of your own activities that also may be in violation of the ordinance. The wording of the ordinance could be interpreted to include many of your normal day-to-day activities such as using power equipment to care for your property or loud engine noise when working on your vehicle or even your dog barking in your own yard. Perhaps you have a pool and enjoy listening to music and having friends over to swim, you could be in violation of the ordinance. We are currently reviewing our enforcement procedure for noise complaints and may be issuing citations based on complaints only.

Animal complaints are another area where we receive a lot of calls for service. Please visit our web site or call Animal Services (704-736-8517) for more information about reporting animal complaints.

The Sheriff's Office provides many services to the community. One such service is the escorting of a person involved in a domestic dispute to retrieve personal belongings. The applicable block on page three of the Ex Parte (Domestic Violence Order of Protection) must be checked by an official of the court to allow for our assistance. It is not automatically assumed that the Sheriff's Office will perform this duty. You will need to have the Ex Parte order in hand for the Deputy to see. The wording restricts the items to only "personal clothing, toiletries and tools of trade..." When weapon(s) are ordered surrendered to the Sheriff as part of the Ex Parte order then you must pay any storage fees to the Sheriff before you can get your weapon(s) back. If you fail to pay the storage fees within 30 days after the Court enters an order to return your weapon(s), the Sheriff may seek an order from the Court to dispose of your weapon(s).

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you have any questions please call or come by the Sheriff's Office at 700 John Howell Memorial Drive which is off Wilma Sigmon Road.

Tim L. Daugherty

Sheriff of Lincoln County

The Chaplain's Challenge



Chaplain Brian Williams

The Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." I've tried throughout my life and ministry to live by that motto. I've come to realize, however, that it's not just ministers who are called to this standard. The fact is, whatever our calling in life, however God sees fit to use us, is an opportunity to bring glory to Him.

Police chaplaincy has been a desire and passion of mine for the last ten years and it is a responsibility I do not take lightly. For this first article, I want to again answer the question, "Why do we need a chaplain?"

- Delivery of death notices
- Attempted or actual suicides
- Major family disturbances
- Major traffic accidents involving serious injury or death
- Line of duty deaths
- Counseling of Sheriff's Department personnel with personal or specific problems
- Providing biblical answers to spiritual questions

Please know that I am here for you! My commitment is to be on call 24 hours per day and to respond within 45 minutes of the time of dispatch. Thanks again for this opportunity to serve. If a need arises, you may reach me at 704-

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Chaplain Brian Williams

In The Next Issue:

Computers Play a Big Part in Sheriff's Office Operations - LCSO Information Technology Systems

By Rick Ellis - IT Systems Manager/CAD Administrator

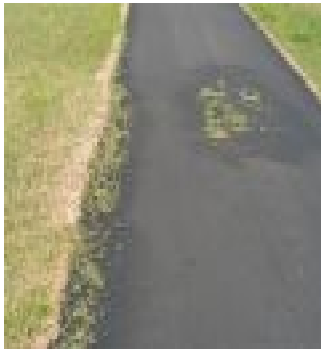
It is a busy time in the LCSO ITS office as we are responsible for all the computers at the main office and all of the outlying offices. We watch over about 110 workstation computers, 14 servers, 11 network printers and a host of networking components.

Currently we are working on setting up and changing out 5 console computers for the Communications Center where the computers were aging and we did not want them to become unreliable.

In addition we are the help center for computer users at the Sheriff's Office fixing anything from a simple password reset to reinstalling operating systems and changing out major components in the computer. Both of us are on call 24-7 as problems may arise in the middle of the night or on holidays for the Detention Center or the Communications Center.

We are looking forward to a feature article in the next newsletter where we can better explain what happens in the ITS office.

We are on the web at www.lincolnsheriff.org



Paving crumbling and grass growing through pavement

West Lincoln Residents Hit By Possible Paving Scam

Three or more western Lincoln County homeowners have forked out from \$2,000 to \$8,000 each for faulty paving jobs. In most cases, the paving work has been inferior and has begun crumbling or grass growing through it. The workers are using several different paving company names with addresses that are around the North Augusta, South Carolina area.

That is an area where a group called the "Irish Travelers" lives. During the spring and summer the men of the group goes to other parts of the nation to pull off scams like the driveway repair projects.

It's one of the most popular scams carried out and is one that you can easily prevent. It usually involves paving a driveway or applying a sealer to the driveway.

It is also usually someone who shows up in an older model work truck like a small pickup or a dump truck. They tell you that they were in the area doing some paving work and claim they have just enough asphalt left over from the other job to repave you driveway.

The cons then use inferior-quality materials and by the time the consumer notices problems with the paving, the workers are gone.

There are several steps consumers can take to avoid becoming a scam victim:

- Always get at least two written estimates from local businesses and ask for references
- If you are interested in having work done, do it on your own terms

And, if you encounter someone you suspect of trying to defraud you, tell them no, close the door and call your local sheriff or police department immediately.