

POLICE

BRIEFS

Hey! Good news, reported crime was down in Greensboro in 2006. In the grand scheme of things Criminal offenses are classified as either Part 1 or Part 2 offenses. In reviewing the police reports, reported crimes were down by 11 percent in 2006 when compared to 2005. That's pretty good when you consider that the overall crime reported in Caroline County as a whole increased by 20.4 percent. Gosh...the officers working here make my job look easy. Next time you see Officer Gardner, Schmitt, or Campbell on the street go up and pat them on the back and tell them "Good Job". I could use the help; my arm is getting tired from patting them on the back.

For complete information on crime in Greensboro stop by the Library, the Town Hall, or the Police Department, and ask to see a copy of the 2006 Annual Police Report.

It's that time of year again so I have to say it....The weather is getting warmer, there are more people on the street walking around, so keep your stuff put up or locked up. Keep an eye on your neighbor's property and report anything that doesn't seem right to the police. OK OK...now I've said it so you can quit rolling your eyes now. Crime is down so something must be working. Right?

Well, we all know, life isn't all peaches and cream. There has got to be some bad to go with the good...right? So here it is.

During March, two of our local restaurants have been broken in to. LaDeliza's and The Pit Beef Barbeque have both suffered loss of money and broken glass. The police department is working

on a couple of leads and any information the public might have would be greatly appreciated. Other than this, 2007 has been pretty quiet for "The City".

I've noticed another problem the police department has been having lately and I need to ask our citizens for their help.

As most of you know we do not have office staff at the police office. Furthermore, I continually stress to my officers how important it is for them to be patrolling the streets and not sitting in the office. So, sometimes when you come to the police department you find the front door locked or when you call you get an answering service. These two things don't mean an officer is not on duty. It just means they're not sitting at the office. So if you need to speak with an officer call 410-479-2515. This is our dispatch center. Tell the dispatcher you need to speak with a Greensboro police officer and they'll call him on the radio and pass along your information.

OK, I've taken up enough space, now it's time for an important message from Officer Schmitt.

From the Desk of Officer Schmitt.

As the coordinator of the department's 2007 seatbelt initiative I want to take a few minutes to pass on some information about seatbelts.

As spring approaches and people come out to enjoy the warmer weather more vehicles will be traveling our highways. The Greensboro Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies across Maryland urge you to wear your seatbelt in order to better protect yourself in case you are involved in a vehicle collision.

The use of seatbelts, along with vehicle air bags do save lives but for them to work efficiently together seatbelts must be worn properly. This means wearing your seatbelt across your chest, not behind your back or under your arms. When worn correctly the seatbelt keeps your body in place for when the air bag deploys. The facts

are simple; your chances of being killed in a vehicle collision are 25 times greater if you are thrown from your vehicle. So please... remember to buckle-up when driving our roadways.

May 3, 2007 through June 3, 2007 is the date for the 2007 Chief's Challenge. This means that during this time the Greensboro Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies across the state will be aggressively checking for seatbelt violations. So remember...CLICK IT OR TICKET!