



TO: Mayor and City Councilors

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1. On July 28, 2006, representatives from Pasquotank County, Elizabeth City and Camden County met at Central Communications Emergency Operations Center. The agencies represented were Law Enforcement from Pasquotank and Camden County, Pasquotank- Camden Emergency Medical Services, Elizabeth City Fire Dept., Pasquotank County Fire Dept. Central Communications. This Users Group meets monthly to discuss issues that may arise during that time period and to discuss ways to enhance services to the citizens through improved communications. One issue discussed was the Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 5. This directive outlines that all emergency agencies will be National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant by October 1, 2006. Within NIMS, one requirement is for local responding agencies that are involved in multi -agency or multi- jurisdictional activities must use plain English (no ten codes) during the event. This reduces the possibility of misinterpretation of information from agencies that do not use universal ten code systems. Non compliance to this directive could result in a lack of Federal Grant funding for agencies that do not comply by October 1, 2006. Agencies that do not have Standard Operating Guidelines in place at this time must have them completed no later than October 1, 2007. All agencies are working towards compliance.
2. The Elizabeth City Police Department had 8 Officers to graduate this week from the Project LifeSaver training. Two of the Officers were certified as Project LifeSaver instructors. The program will be tentatively implemented by September 1st after a series of meetings with local health care providers in the area and citizens. The Department's Community Policing Division will be administering the program locally under the direction of Sgt. John Etheridge. Project LifeSaver is a program that is designed to locate patients suffering from dementia type disorders by utilizing electronic transmitter and tracking equipment.
3. The City has made a request to DOT for them to install sidewalks along south Hughes Boulevard, between Providence Road and Farm Fresh. With the re-development of the shopping center, pedestrian traffic has increased in this area. In

addition, there are several residents in this area with scooters for handicapped individuals that must now travel on the roadway causing the Police Department concerns. It will be several weeks before the City will hear from NCDOT regarding whether they have funds to construct this project.

4. The Elizabeth City Police Department is sending two Officers to Pennsylvania next week to purchase a canine replacement for a retired canine. Officer Glenn Needham was selected as the new handler for the canine. After returning from Pennsylvania, Officer Needham will be attending an intense 3-month training and certification process with the Norfolk, Virginia Police Department's canine training unit. The addition of the replacement canine will bring the Department up to the allocated canine positions for the Police Department of two.
5. On Wednesday, July 26th the Elizabeth City Fire Department made a safety presentation to approximately 40 2nd – 4th graders at Camp NoWeezin. This camp is sponsored for children who have asthma. The children were able to spray water at a replica of a house with flames and also view a demonstration with the Ladder Truck. It was a huge success.
6. Fire Marshal Barry Overman and Accelerant K-9 "Sheba" attended recertification training in Alfred, Maine from July 16th through the 20th. Sheba passed all of the required tests to be recertified through the Maine State Police/State Farm K-9 program. This training occurs annually at various locations in the United States and is a requirement for Arson Accelerant K-9's and their handlers to attend. Sheba has proven to be a vital tool in recent cases of arson where she has alerted on flammable chemicals that were used to set a fire.

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