

## CHAPTER 7 - SAFETY

### LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, OCEAN RESCUE  
AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
TELEPHONE 911

For a dispatcher for police, fire and EMS non-emergency response  
call **473-3444**

#### POLICE PROTECTION

Each of the towns maintains its own police department. Law enforcement in the unincorporated areas of the county is under the jurisdiction of the County Sheriff's Office. Both the NC Highway Patrol and the National Park Service have specific law enforcement responsibilities.

#### DARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Office: Dare Co. Justice Center 962 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 757, Manteo 27954	475-5980 Fax 441-9437
Rodney Midgett, Sheriff	Term ends Dec. 2010
Major Norman Johnson, Jail Administrator	475-9220 Fax 473-5350
Major Almey Gray, Communications Dir.	473-3444 Fax 473-4563
The Sheriff's Office is responsible for law enforcement in the unincorporated areas of Dare Co., for serving civil and criminal papers, for courtroom security, and resource officers for the school district. The Sheriff is the custodial agent for the Dare Co. Detention Center and the Dare Co. Communications Center, both located at 1044 Driftwood Dr., Manteo	

#### FIRE PROTECTION

Office: 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 1000, Manteo 27954	475-5750 Fax 473-3168
Doug Remaley, County Fire Marshal	
Fire protection is provided throughout the 860+ square miles of Dare Co. by 350 volunteer and career fire fighters in 15 individual fire districts which support 19 fire stations. Each municipality is responsible for its own fire protection. The Dare Co. Fire Marshal acts as the liaison between the County Board of Commissioners and its fire districts. The office is responsible for the enforcement of the NC State Fire Code, conducts fire investigations and cause and origin determinations. The office maintains a countywide fire data reporting system, is active in the area of fire prevention, and designs programs in education that are geared toward all citizens	

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Office: EMS Station #1 1632 N. Croatan Hwy., Kill Devil Hills Mail: P.O. Box 1000, Manteo 27954	475-5710 Fax 441-1847
W.R. "Skeeter" Sawyer, Public Safety Dir.	

Dare Co. EMS operates 11 ground ambulances and an emergency medical helicopter out of 8 stations throughout the county. EMS provides advanced life support emergency medical care to all areas of Dare Co. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Emergency patients are transported to The Outer Banks Hospital and, if needed, transported by ambulance or helicopter to tertiary care hospitals in Elizabeth City, Chesapeake, or Norfolk. Dare EMS provides injury prevention programs, various life support training classes, and other educational opportunities for EMS professionals.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Dare Co. Emergency Management Center 1044 Driftwood Dr., Manteo 27954	475-5655 Fax 473-2599
N.H. "Sandy" Sanderson, Director	
Whenever Dare Co. is threatened by a hurricane, evacuation may be mandated. The Dare Co. Control Group, comprised of the chairman of the Board of Commissioners, the municipal mayors, the county sheriff, and Superintendent of the National Park Service, have the responsibility for ordering a countywide evacuation.	
There are NO pre-hurricane shelters in Dare Co. Listen to local media for location of available shelters inland. Police, fire and EMS services will be suspended during a hurricane when high winds threaten the safety of emergency personnel.	
A staged re-entry process (critical personnel first; residents second; non-resident property owners third; visitors last) is used to facilitate orderly re-entry following an evacuation. Re-entry permits are issued by Dare County Office of Emergency Management.	
When evacuation is ordered:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>∑ Persons should leave promptly; visitors should take all their belongings with them</li> <li>∑ All property should be secured prior to onset of gale force winds (40MPH)</li> <li>∑ Evacuation will be done during daylight hours</li> <li>∑ Evacuation route signs are in place to assist motorists</li> <li>∑ Law enforcement will be at traffic control points</li> </ul>	

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Dare Co. Animal Shelter Admin. Offices - Outer Banks SPCA, 101 Old Town St., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 2477, Manteo 27954	475-1587 Wildlife violations only - 800-662-7137 After hours emergency service (injured animals or bites only) 888-876-5942
Richard C. Crino, Director	
Kill Devil Hills - animal control officers and temporary animal shelter	480-4047
Nags Head - animal control officer	441-6386
Operated for the county under contract by the Outer Banks SPCA, it impounds stray dogs and cats, provides adoption service, low-cost spay/neuter programs, injured animal rescue, bite cases and rabies control, animal cruelty investigations, lost and found pets, humane education and other programs.	
Rabies inoculations are required by the state for dogs and cats. Low cost rabies clinics are held periodically throughout the county. Proof of current rabies inoculation is required to obtain a Dare Co. dog license. Most towns have leash laws and may restrict dog beach access to off-season only.	
Injured or dead red wolves: Report to US Fish and Wildlife Service, Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge Office, 473-1131 x246 Outreach Coordinator.	
Report stranded, injured or dead whales, dolphins, porpoises, or seals to the Marine Mammal Stranding Network, (252) 241-5119.	
Report stranded, injured or dead sea turtles to NEST, 441-8622. If the shell is painted orange, the	

turtle has already been attended to.
NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island assists these groups, 473-3494.
Report rabid or suspect wildlife to Dare Co. Animal Control, 475-5620 or to NC Wildlife Commission Officer, 491-6993.

## BEACH SAFETY

Each town designates beach areas where life guards are on duty and the schedule for these services. Contact town halls for information.
The National Park Service is responsible for beaches at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Call 995-4474 for information.
When conditions warrant, <b>red flags designate NO SWIMMING.</b>