

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 252-473-3444

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
Doug Doughtie, Sheriff	Term ends Dec. 2018
Capt. Alan Moran, Jail Admin.	475-9220 Fax 473-5350
Capt. Trey Piland, Communications Dir.	475-5705 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 located at 1044 Driftwood Dr., Manteo and the Regional Emergency Communications Center located at 370 Airport Rd. Manteo	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Dare Co. Emergency Management Center Office: 370 Airport Rd. Manteo Mail: PO Box 1000 Manteo 27954	475-5655 Fax 473-2799 Admin Office 475-5750 Fax: 473-3168
Drew Pearson, EM Director Steve Kovacs, Deputy Director Georgia Ellis, Sr. Admin. Specialist	
Dare County Emergency Management is a unit of Government with the lead role in preparing for and directing response to major emergencies and disasters, both natural and man-made. The measures applied are an "All Hazards" emphasis reflecting prevention, response, recovery and mitigation programs. Dare County Emergency Management is the Local community based equivalent of the NC Division of Emergency Management at the State level. It works closely with all agencies (public & private) before, during and after emergencies & disasters to provide coordinative & comprehensive protection of lives & property. Emergency Management has a full-time professional staff that receives specialized training in many varied fields. Like other public safety officials, staff members serve the community 24 hrs a day 365 days a year.	
All Dare County Emergency Management information, along with related links can be found at http://www.darenc.com/emgymgmt/deptmain.asp	
For official information, monitor the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter Digital Cable Channel 191 • Internet - http://www.darenc.com/emgymgmt • Radio - Designated EAS Station - WRSF 105.7FM NOAA weather radio station 	

FIRE PROTECTION

Office: 370 Airport Rd, Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 1000, Manteo 27954	475-5750 Fax 473-3168
Steven Kovacs, County Fire Marshal	
Fire protection is provided throughout the 860+ square miles of Dare Co. by 400 volunteer and career fire fighters in 15 individual fire districts which support 20 fire stations and Hatteras Island Rescue. 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, assists the local fire departments in conducting 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 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
Jennie Collins, Chief; Terence Sheehy, Deputy Chief of Operations; Thomas Francisco, Deputy Chief of Safety & Training	
Dare Co. EMS operates 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, Norfolk, & Vidant Pitt Greenville. Dare EMS provides injury prevention programs, various life support training classes, and other educational opportunities for EMS professionals.	

ANIMAL SERVICES

Outer Banks SPCA, Dare County Animal Shelter 1031 Driftwood Dr., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 2477, Manteo 27954	475-5620 Wildlife violations only - 800-662-7137 After hours emergency service (injured animals or bites only) 475-5620
John Graves, 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 rescues 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.	
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 shell is painted orange, it 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 Comm. 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 473-2111 for information.

When conditions warrant, red flags designate NO SWIMMING.
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