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PALM BEACH Crime WATCHER

GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS!



John Scanlan

Age: 32

How long have you been employed with the town: 8 years

Current position: Patrol Officer

Where do you see yourself in 10 years: Hopefully with a lot more published novels under my belt.

(My first crime novel, *Of Guilt and Innocence*, was published in January by Sunbury Press!)

Favorite food: Chicken Wings

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Favorite movie: The Big Lebowski

Favorite sports team:
New York Yankees

Favorite vacation spot:
Walt Disney World with the kids,
Key West without

What's playing on your ipod right now: Jimmy Buffett

What are you reading right now:
Walking Money by James Born

Three things you can't live without:
Family, Good Food,
traveling to fun places

Hurricane Preparedness

The official hurricane season for the Atlantic Basin is from June 1st to November 30th. The peak of the season is from mid-August to late October. However, deadly hurricanes can occur anytime in the hurricane season.

HURRICANE WATCH... means that hurricane conditions are a possible threat within 48 hours in the specified area. Upon announcement of an official hurricane watch by the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management, Town of Palm Beach officials will advise residents of the situation using all available news media. Residents who have pre-arranged mainland accommodations are encouraged to leave at this time. Boat owners should secure their vessels.

HURRICANE WARNING... is defined as the period 36 hours before a hurricane is estimated to make local landfall. The announcement of a hurricane warning will be made by the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management. At that time, all residents still on the island should be prepared to evacuate. Mandatory evacuation orders will be announced via radio and television.

MAKE PLANS TO EVACUATE EARLY... Town residents are urged to make arrangements for private shelter before there is a storm emergency. Public shelters will be crowded and uncomfortable and should be utilized only as a last resort.

PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS... Persons requiring special medical attention should implement their personal evacuation plans as early as possible. Anyone not able to make arrangements for private care during a storm emergency should contact Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management (561-712-6400). These arrangements must be made before a storm emergency occurs. For more information go to www.pbcgov.com.

WHAT ABOUT PETS... Your pets are part of your family, so make plans for their safety during a storm emergency. If your evacuation plans do not allow you to take your pet, consult your veterinary clinic for information on boarding facilities and reserve a space for your pet in advance of a storm.

Palm Beach residents can get detailed information about hurricane preparedness on the Town of Palm Beach website at www.townofpalmbeach.com.

GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS!



Kevin Morine, Jr.

Age: 42

How long have you been employed with the town: 17 Years

Current position:

Patrol Officer – Business & Community Relations Unit

Where do you see yourself in 10 years: Teaching high school/college

Favorite food: Tacos (or anything Mexican)

Favorite holiday: Easter

Favorite movie: Dances with Wolves

Favorite sports team: Detroit Tigers

Favorite vacation spot:
Upper Michigan

What's playing on your ipod right now: Justin Timberlake - Mirrors

What are you reading right now:
He-motions by T.D. Jakes

Three things you can't live without:
God, Family, Peanut Butter

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Crime Watch Members' Breakfast

The Police Department celebrated the 34th anniversary of its Crime Watch program at the Palm Beach Crime Watch Members' Breakfast on Friday, March 22, 2013 at the Colony Hotel.

Director of Public Safety, Kirk Blouin presented Charlotte Morris with 22 roses, one for each year of dedicated service to the Police Department and a plaque for further recognition of her volunteer service. Mrs. Morris became an active volunteer in 1991 and a charter member of the VIPS program, which began in 2001. Charlotte has happily accepted each and every request for volunteer service and her smiling face has become a hallmark for many programs.

Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Ted Booras was the guest speaker. Judge Booras helped start the first veteran's court in Palm Beach County. It was the first veteran's court in the nation to take violent crimes and has become a national model. Judge Booras sees veterans with diverse problems - homelessness, mental health issues, substance abuse and connects them with the appropriate Veterans Affairs programs.

Director Blouin thanked and recognized members of Crime Watch for their donations and membership, which pays for crime prevention programs and services for the residents of the Town of Palm Beach.



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From the top: Mayor Gail Coniglio and Town Mgr. Peter Elwell; Director of Public Safety Kirk Blouin and Charlotte Morris; Town Mgr. Peter Elwell - Councilman Kleid - Council President Pro Tem Wildrick - David Mack - Councilman Diamond; Patti Sans - Janet Kinsella - Sherry Frankel; Director Kirk Blouin and Deputy Chief Daniel Szarszewski; Charlotte Morris and Fred Hess; Major Richard Howe and Captain Curtis Krauel; Bill Bone - Barbara McDonald - Shirley Cowen - Linda Wartow - Phyllis Verducci; Honorable Ted Booras and Director Kirk Blouin

ATTENTION PALM BEACH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

Officers are available for security needs, as well as for traffic and parking assistance.

If you would like additional information or to set-up a special detail assignment – please contact Palm Beach Police Business and Community Relations Unit at 561-838-5467.



National Night Out

National Night Out Against Crime 30th anniversary was enjoyed by young and old alike on August 6th at St. Edward's Catholic Church Parish Hall.



Residents, business owners and visitors interacted with Palm Beach Police and Palm Beach Fire Rescue employees for public safety education. Services were showcased, equipment was on display and giveaways were provided. Guests enjoyed hot dogs, balloon and tattoo artists and delicious Italian ices. A special thank you to St. Edward's Catholic Church, our teen volunteer and VIPs for their efforts in making this another successful event.

Visit our website and sign up for alerts about upcoming events, crime prevention tips and more.

Fire Interruption Device

The Palm Beach Police Department recently obtained 15 state-of-the-art fire interruption devices for all patrol cars.

The devices are deployed into structure fires, and release a dry powder chemical flame extinguishing agent. All Patrol officers received training in the proper use of the new devices. Similar to using a hand grenade, the officer will pull a pin and then throw the device into the building through a window or door.

Director of Public Safety Kirk Blouin said, "Anytime police officers can provide initial assistance in a possible life-threatening situation, it's going to be advantageous to the citizens, victims, and the fire-rescue operation. The sooner we can go hands-on in an emergency situation or fire situation, it's more effective for police and fire operations."

Rescue Hammers for Police Vehicles

Palm Beach Crime Watch recently purchased 32 emergency rescue hammers, which were donated to the Palm Beach Police Department. The rescue hammers have been placed in all police vehicles. They are used to break the tempered glass in automobile door windows, in the event someone is trapped inside and the doors are either locked or jammed shut. The same tool can be used to cut through a seat belt if the buckle is jammed, in order to free the occupant. These tools will be of use both to the motoring public and the police personnel as well.

Donation to Crime Watch for Video Surveillance Upgrade

The Palm Beach Police Foundation donated \$50,000 to Palm Beach Crime Watch, Inc. for an upgrade of the Town Wide Security Camera System. The upgraded technology will support the mission of the Palm Beach Police Department by providing security and surveillance for the residents and business owners of Palm Beach.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2013 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm and will be held jointly at Palm Beach Police Dept., 345 S. County Road and Palm Beach Fire-Rescue Station 1, 355 S. County Road. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your Palm Beach Police and Fire-Rescue staff.

SAFETY COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY'S MATURE DRIVING COURSE

Thursday, December 5, 2013 - 9:00am-4:00pm at the Palm Beach Police Dept., 345 S. County Road. The cost is \$10, and registration and payment can be made through the Safety Council at 845-8233 to secure your space. Lunch will be provided.

If you see something, say something!

New - Resident Out-of-State Identification Card Program

The Town of Palm Beach Police Department is now offering resident identification cards for those residents who do not have another form of identification showing their Palm Beach address. The Palm Beach Police Department advises residents who want to return to their residence in the aftermath of a storm that they will need valid identification showing a Town of Palm Beach address.

When a storm threatens Palm Beach and an evacuation order is issued, the Police Department will establish checkpoints at all entrances to the Town. After the storm, the Town's Damage Assessment Team will evaluate conditions on the Island in order to determine when it is safe for people to return. Efforts will be made to allow access to residences as soon as is practicable.

RESIDENTS WHO HAVE A VALID FLORIDA DRIVER LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD SHOWING A TOWN OF PALM BEACH ADDRESS, DO NOT NEED AN ADDITIONAL TOWN OF PALM BEACH IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND WILL NOT BE ISSUED A TOWN OF PALM BEACH ID CARD.

The Police Department encourages residents who do not have valid identification to obtain one of the following: a Florida driver's license or identification card showing their Palm Beach address, or a Town of Palm Beach Voluntary I.D. Card, as soon as possible. Avoid long lines before another storm threatens and be prepared to return to the island.

Applications can be obtained from the Police Department's Crime Scene & Evidence Unit located in the lobby of police headquarters or downloaded from our website at www.palmbeachpolice.com (under the "How Do I?" section). The individual applying for the I.D. card must bring the application, proof of residency, and \$15.00 in cash or check only to the Crime Scene & Evidence Unit of the Palm Beach Police Department, 345 South County Road. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 10:00am to 2:00pm. For more information, please call the Palm Beach Police Department's Crime Scene Unit at (561) 838-5466, or Community Relations Unit at (561) 838-5467.



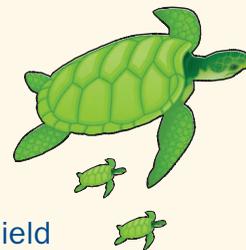
CODE Corner

Town of Palm Beach Code of Ordinances

For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Office at (561) 227-7080

LIGHTS OUT FOR TURTLES!

All Oceanfront property owners must ensure that their lights are not visible from the beach at anytime from March 1st until October 31st. Please shield or redirect any such lights, or simply turn them off during this time of year.



- A Town Ordinance requires all Oceanfront property owners to comply with this "Lights Out" policy to protect endangered sea turtles which nest on local beaches and the hatchlings which come from those nests. Artificial lighting confuses the sea turtle hatchlings causing them to veer off course from their intended destination directly to the Atlantic Ocean. It is believed that the resulting disorientation of sea turtle hatchlings from artificial lighting sources is a major cause in the decline of sea turtle populations worldwide. If you have been sent a reminder, the Town considers your property to be subject to the "Lights Out" ordinance.
- Some limited use of low pressure sodium lights or yellow "bug lights" may not be a threat to turtles. Please contact Rob Walton at the phone number listed below before allowing such lights to be illuminated between March 1st and October 31st.

The rule of thumb is
"WHEN IN DOUBT, TURN IT OUT."

Your cooperation and compliance will be greatly appreciated! **For More Information:** Please contact **Lead Code Enforcement Officer Robert Walton** at **561-227-7080**



**REPORT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
CONFIDENTIALLY**

227-6464 or www.palmbeachpolice.com

Know the Scam... SO YOU DON'T BECOME A VICTIM

Distraction Thefts

Palm Beach residents and businesses are advised to be on the alert for criminals who practice "distraction thefts." In these cases, someone will approach the resident at their home under the pretense of doing some work or providing some service at the residence. Then, while the resident is being distracted by the original person, another individual will enter the home to look for and steal objects of value, such as cash, jewelry and watches. Examples of distraction thefts include: A workman advising the resident of some problem outside or posing as an employee of a utility company, such as a problem with the landscaping or external wiring to the house or emergency repair work. While they are engaged in conversation, another person enters the house to steal items.

The Police Department cautions residents and their household staff to be very cautious by strangers who may come to the house, and not to allow themselves to be distracted. Legitimate workmen should have some form of identification, and frequently are wearing some type of uniform. Vehicles used by legitimate workmen will normally have lettering on the sides indicating the name of the business.

If there is any doubt as to the legitimacy of someone coming to the home, residents are encouraged to call the Palm Beach Police Department at 838-5454. Officers will respond to assist the caller in identifying individuals and determining the true nature of their business with the resident.



Major Richard Howe Retirement



Major Richard Howe said his final goodbye on August 9 at the Police Department's retirement lunch after 30 years with the department. The Palm Beach Police Foundation generously provided the retirement lunch. Major Howe was the longest-serving officer on the force.

Director of Public Safety Kirk Blouin recognized his 30 years of service with a retirement badge and plaque. Howe started in Patrol and Organized Crime, Vice & Narcotics, until he was promoted to sergeant in 1994. After serving as a sergeant in Patrol, the Motorcycle Patrol Unit and Professional Standards, he was appointed captain in 1999. In 2007, Howe was elevated to Major of the Support Services Division.

Palm Beach Crime Watch, Inc. and Shred Assured



A community shredding event was held on May 17, 2013 at Phipps Ocean Park.



Residents brought bags and boxes full of old documents. All the information was safely and securely destroyed on scene in Shred-Assured mobile shredding truck. The event was a huge success thanks to our friends at Shred-Assured and our hard working interns Kelly Moran, Hunter Rudolph and VIPS Dan McDonnell. Thank you all for your help!





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GOING SOMEWHERE?

Don't forget about the Closed Home Program. Notify police and protect your property while you're away. Visit www.palmbeachpolice.com to complete the Closed Home Information Form.



STAY INFORMED

Visit our homepage and sign up for our community alerts. You will be notified of upcoming events such as the next shredding event, mature driver course as well as crime prevention alerts.



KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

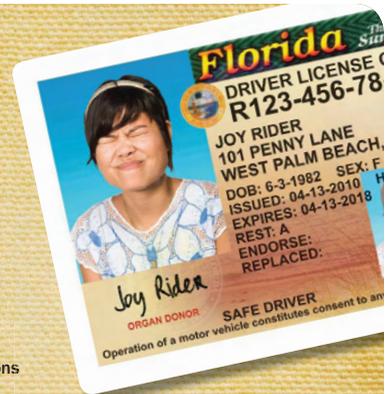
In any emergency (police-fire-medical) 9-1-1
 Police NON-Emergency 838-5454
 Code Enforcement 227-7080
 Parking Enforcement 838-5465
 Voluntary ID Cards 838-5466
 Crime Watch Office 838-5467
 Anonymous TIPS 227-6464

Say,
 "Cheese!"
 We've got your
 Real ID.

The Constitutional Tax Collector issues REAL ID compliant driver licenses and identification cards at convenient locations throughout Palm Beach County.

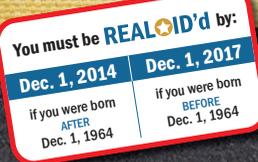
Are you REAL ID'd? REAL ID's have a star in the upper right corner.

Federal law will require a REAL ID to board a commercial flight or enter a federal building. Deadlines are coming up, so make sure you're REAL ID'd!



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www.pbctax.com



For a complete list of driver license services, service center locations and more information about REAL ID, visit www.pbctax.com.

Serving you at Service Centers and Driver License Offices throughout Palm Beach County.

Monday - Friday 8:15 am - 5:00 pm

- Belle Glade
- Delray Beach
- Lantana (Former DMV Office)
- Palm Beach Gardens (Former DMV Office)
- Palm Beach Gardens (NE County Courthouse)*
- Royal Palm Beach
- West Palm Beach*

Check out wait times and schedule a driver license appointment at www.pbctax.com or text "wlpbc" to 41411 for up-to-date wait times and customers in line.

* Note: From time to time, the Tax Collector's Office may stop Driver License services when the line for service exceeds our hours of operations.
 * Acceptable forms of payment in person include cash, check or money order.
 * Road tests are NOT offered at the Downtown West Palm Beach Service Center or Palm Beach Gardens (NE County Courthouse).