



The Avalon Home and Land Owners Association

May 2010 – Avalon Police Department

Police Chief David Deane reviewed the 2009 accomplishments and the goals for 2010.

2009 Accomplishments

Traffic Safety – This program was marred by a fatal accident on the Townsend Inlet Bridge; the accident may have been medically induced.

There were no other deaths due to accidents or criminal activities.

Four radar-activated speed signs were activated.

There were over 2200 traffic stops in the year.

A state grant was used to fund the DWI patrol – there were three accidents due to DWI.

Bike safety is getting more attention on the boardwalk, and in bike lanes. Further attention is needed regarding walking bike on sidewalks in the business district.

The boat parade was safe.

Most crime involved theft and burglary especially in unlocked homes, cars, and of unlocked bikes. There were 219 burglaries in 2009. Residents and renters should be made aware of unsecured garages and sheds.

There were 57 cases of vandalism in 2009 (down from 109 in 2007)

Noise complaints increased by 10% in 2009. Of the cases reported 188 were unfounded, i.e., the noise had abated by the time the police arrived. The Chief stressed the need to call for assistance. In all 113 noise summons were issued, almost all signed by the police.

2010 Goals

Obtain state accreditation for the Police Department by having established policies and procedures

A bike registration program has been started. This is voluntary and has the purpose of making bikes easier to return to owners if lost or stolen.

A bike educational program regarding the business district has been implemented. Warning signs have been stenciled on the curb at each intersection in the business district. Initially warnings will be issued to people seen riding on these sidewalks.

Captain Montgomery outlined the staffing:

There will be 11 officers on bikes between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.;

Seven officers will be dedicated to parking problems;

Two marine units will patrol waters from 7:00 a.m. until dusk;

There will be patrols on the boardwalk from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. to keep bikes off;

There will be public education through July 4 to alert people to the ordinance regarding trailer parking;



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Undercover operations will be conducted to catch thieves;

State grants will be used for the DWI patrols;

There will be stepped up patrols regarding noise and to ensure security of personal property.

In answer to questions:

The use of more visible lights and vests on the bike patrols will be looked into.

No complaints regarding outdoor music at bars were received in 2009.

A complaint was registered about dogs on the boardwalk.

There were two violent crimes in the Borough in 2009.

The Beach Patrol has responsibility on the beaches. Two or three Class 1 officers are lifeguards and can issue tickets. There were a record number of summonses issued on the water in 2009.