

Wadesboro Police Sergeant Chad Haywood Completes Advanced Investigation Program

Sergeant Chad Haywood of the Wadesboro Police Department recently completed the Criminal Investigation Certificate Program through the North Carolina Justice Academy.

Sergeant Haywood is over patrol shift, Field Trainer and serves as Anson County's Coordinator for the Governor's Highway Safety Program. He plans to complete his Bachelor's degree in science with a concentration in criminal justice by May of 2020 through the University of Columbia College. Haywood currently holds an Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate through the State of North Carolina Department of Justice, and plans to have his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate in 2020.

A spokesman from the NC Justice Academy said, "The Criminal Investigation Certificate Program, a sworn law enforcement, is designed to recognize candidates who have completed appropriate training in order to better prepare themselves for the rigors and challenges of Law Enforcement criminal investigations. Investigative techniques, details of detectal changes, technological advances and the practical application of these 'best practices' constantly change in our challenging world. Professional investigators who seek out that best practice training stands out from the rest and should be so recognized."

Completion of the program requires 500 credit hours with a focus on law enforcement criminal investigations and completion of the required courses and elective topics.



Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer is shown congratulating Sergeant Chad Haywood for completing the Criminal Investigation Certificate Program through the North Carolina Justice Academy.

Wadesboro Police Hold Halloween Booze it & Lose It Campaign

Chief Thedis Spencer and the Wadesboro Police Department held a 2019 Halloween Booze & Lose it Campaign through the North Carolina Governors Highway Safety Program (NCGHSP). This year's campaign resulted in 80 charges, ranging from DWI, speeding, driving while license revoked, child passenger safety violations, drug related charges and even locating person(s) with outstanding warrants.

According to the NCGHSP the 'Booze It & Lose It' Halloween Campaign partners with state and local law enforcement to target impaired drivers through enforcement and education. This year the focus is not just on roadway traffic but on foot traffic as well.

A recent report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicates that more pedestrians and bicyclists have been killed over the last year than any previous year since 1990. The Director of the NCGHSP, Mark Ezzell, says it's a numbers game.

"In every county, city and town there are a host of collision point opportunities due to the population clusters where vehicles and pedestrians are coming in contact with each other, and Halloween increases those chances because so many people are out and about on one day," said Ezzell. "In addition to agencies running sobriety checkpoints in all 100 counties from October 28 through November 3, we asked our partners in law enforcement, education and urban and rural community planners, to help raise awareness this Halloween of how to be a safer driver, bicyclist, and pedestrian," Ezzell concluded.

Many vehicle-pedestrian crashes occur in similar places in a similar manner. Transportation officials leave pedestrians and bicyclist with these useful safety tips:

- Pedestrians**
- Look for cars in all directions before crossing the street; never assume a driver will stop.
 - Enhance your visibility at night, walk only in well-lit areas, carry a flashlight or wear something reflective.
 - Avoid distraction when crossing streets, put down the phone.
 - Watch for cars backing up.
 - Cross the street where you have the best view of the car. At bus stops, cross behind the bus or at the nearest crosswalk.
 - Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from the roadway as you can.

- Bicyclists**
- Wear a helmet. It could save your life.
 - Use a light and reflex mirrors or reflective clothing when bicycling at night and be as visible as possible.
 - Ride in the direction of traffic.
 - Avoid distractions such as listening to headphones or answering phones when riding."

More information about the NCGHSP is available at www.ncdot.gov.

Show off how you travel safe this Halloween! Snap a photo of yourself walking or traveling safely in your vehicle and tag @NC_GHSP on Instagram, Twitter and @NCGHSP on Facebook. Use hashtags #NCGHSP #WatchForMe and #KeysFreeNC and we'll "Like" your picture!



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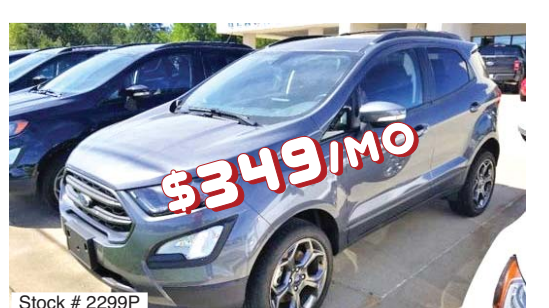
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