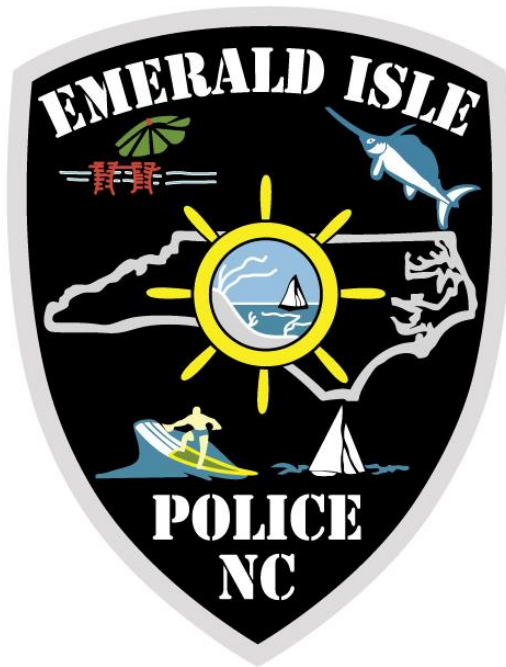


The Members of the Emerald Isle Neighborhood Watch program would like to welcome you to the island!



Emerald Isle Police 252-354-2021

Emergency 911

Welcome from The Neighborhood Watch Chairman

To Our New Neighbors,

Welcome and thank you for choosing Emerald Isle as your new home. Whether you are going to be a permanent full or part time resident, a vacationing visitor or providing rental property, we hope that our islands small town atmosphere and 12 miles of pristine beaches will provide you and your visitors many years of enjoyment.

We have assembled this "Welcome Packet" so you can quickly refer to it if/when you or others have questions, we want to provide you with current and accurate information about our town and its various organizations. In addition, this and other information is always available on the town's website www.emeraldisle-nc.org and we encourage you to use it to keep abreast of ongoing activities.

Lastly, Emerald Isle is a certified Neighborhood Watch community in coordination with the Emerald Isle Police Department and following is the mission of this organization, which is, to raise the resident and visitor awareness & sensitivity to questionable activity while in Emerald Isle. People who are alert to various security issues enhance the safety of all residents, visitors, and property, in other words, "if you see something say something!" When you observe any suspicious or criminal activity CALL 911! In your packet, you will find our Quick Reference List (QRL) that provides a list of Recommended Security and Safety Measures.

Again, welcome neighbor and we look forward to seeing and meeting in town or on the beaches.

Chairman of the Neighborhood Watch Program,
Tom Rule

Emerald Isle Neighborhood Watch Board Members:

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Zone 3 Commander: Carol Forsythe Taylor

Zone 4 Commander: Roger Barrow

Zone 5 Commander: David Costa

Zone 6 Commander: Anna Mae Neltner

Gated Communities: Stevie Gerardi



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Town of Emerald Isle Neighborhood Watch Program



Quick Reference List (QRL)

of Recommended Security and Safety Measures

The objective of the Emerald Isle Neighborhood Watch Program is to raise resident and visitor awareness and sensitivity to questionable activity while in Emerald Isle. People who are alert to various security issues enhance the safety of all residents, visitors and property. On behalf of the police department and the community, I want to enlist you to serve as additional eyes and ears for our department to enhance our mission. **Never approach or confront individuals engaged in suspicious activity.** When you observe any suspicious or criminal activity **CALL 911!** You should also notify your Neighborhood Watch Program Street Captain to inform them of your observations **AFTER YOU REPORT TO THE POLICE.** Remember: **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING.....SAY SOMETHING!**

The following tips are actions you may take to protect your personal and real property;

1. **Keep your residence and vehicles locked at all times** even when just going to the beach.
2. **Keep your car keys easily accessible** so you will be able to create an effective alarm by pressing the panic button key on your car's ignition remote control system.
3. **Secure your bicycle with a lock** while shopping or at home. A bike can typically cost between \$150 and \$330. A bicycle lock that costs between \$5 and \$25 can deter theft.
4. **Have a plan in case a hurricane evacuation is necessary:** You can find a checklist at: <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/> or download the Emerald Isle App (visit the App Store or Google Play)
5. **Create an inventory of items favored by burglars** to include: serial numbers, photos, etc.
6. **Install a security alarm system for your home** if possible to protect your valuables.
7. **Consider installing wide-angle peepholes for outside doors** at a height everyone can use to prevent opening doors to strangers.
8. **Install motion detection lights** to enhance outdoor security.
9. **Consider purchasing timers to turn on outside and inside lights** at various times throughout the night when the house is unoccupied.
10. **Have a checklist for vacation absences:**
 - a- Unplug all unnecessary appliances, televisions, stereos and personal computers.
 - b- Arrange for someone to pick up your newspapers or deliveries and put your mail on hold.
 - c- Close and lock all windows and doors when you leave your home including garage and gate doors.
 - d- Make the communications center (252-726-7911) and a neighbor aware of which vehicles, if any, should be on the premises. Provide your cell phone number or other point of contact information so you may be reached if necessary.
 - e- Back up your computer data files and take the back-up device with you.
 - f- Keep unsecured furniture and personal items off your dock area to prevent theft.
11. **Be Observant and Report:**
 - a- Any suspicious activities or person(s) as you walk or drive through your area.
 - b- Building materials or other items being removed from a construction site.
12. **Call the Town Hall Administration Office at 252-354-3424:**
 - a- To report any streetlights not working, include the location of the streetlight and pole number.
 - b- To request the installation of an additional streetlight for a poorly illuminated area.

Please suggest to the police department any other additional information you feel is important to enhance the safety and wellbeing of our community.

Points of Contact

Police Chief: Michael A. Panzarella mpanzarella@emeraldisle-nc.org

Community Resource Officer: David Beere dbeere@emeraldisle-nc.org

Emerald Isle Police Department Phone Number: (252)354-2021

Chairman: Tom Rule trule70@gmail.com

Vice-Chairman: Betty Lopes bblbeachwalk@hotmail.com

You are in EIPD Zone: _____

Zone Commander

Name: _____

Email: _____

Assistant (If applicable)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Street Captain

Name: _____

Email: _____

CO-Captain (if Applicable)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Emerald Isle Police/Neighborhood Watch Zones

Zone 1 – East End Town Limits to Park Drive (East Ocean Regional Access)

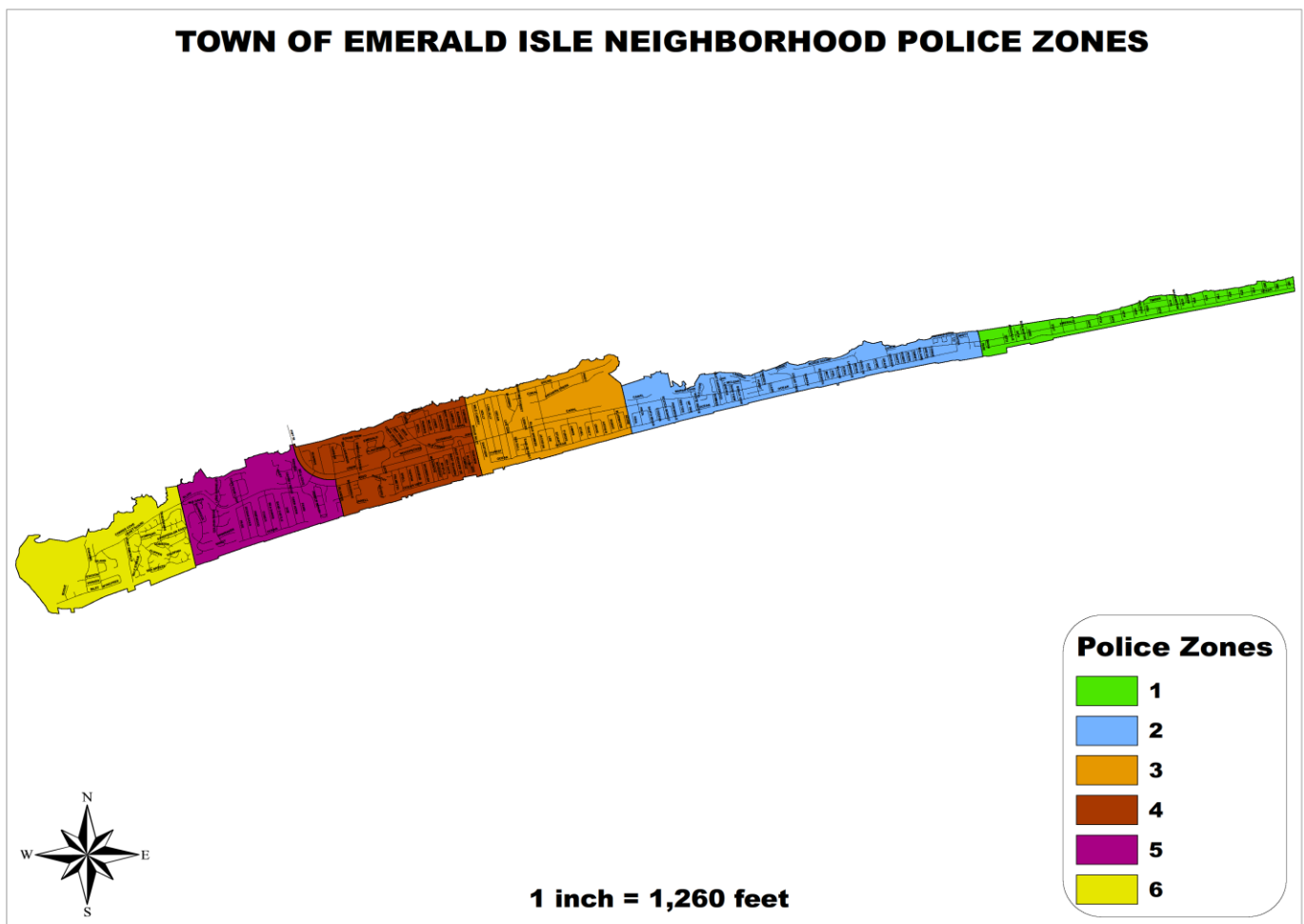
Zone 2 – Park Drive to Azure Drive

Zone 3 – Azure Drive to Bogue Inlet Drive

Zone 4 – Bogue Inlet Drive to Islander Drive (Ocean side) and to Bridge (Sound side)

Zone 5 – Islander Drive to Spinnakers Reach subdivision

Zone 6 – Spinnakers Reach Subdivision to the Point



Town of Emerald Isle Resources

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE aka TOWN HALL: (252)354-3424

- Website: <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/emeraldislenc/>
- Twitter: [@townemeraldisle](https://twitter.com/townemeraldisle)
- Calendar of Events: <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/upcoming-events>

POLICE Dept.: (252)354-2021

- Website Link: <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/police>

FIRE/EMS Dept.: (252)354-2445

- Website Link: <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/fire>

PARKS & RECREATION: (252)354-6350

- Website Link: <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/parks-recreation>

PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE: (252)354-4450

- Website Link: <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/public-works-solid-waste>

PLANNING & INSPECTIONS: (252)354-3338

- Website Link: <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/planning-and-inspections>

Programs through Emerald Isle Police Dept.



Bicycle Registration: Register your bicycles with the Emerald Isle Police Department online or at the police department <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/bike-registration-program-1>



Golf Cart Registration: To register/renew a golf cart, please complete the form & pay the fees online or visit the Emerald Isle Police Department, 7500 Emerald Drive, to apply or renew in person.

<https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/golf-card-registration-program>

Crime Mapping: The town offers crime-mapping services to the community as part of an ongoing commitment to transparency. Citizens can access up to date crime information at: <https://www.crimemapping.com/> or by going to the Town of Emerald Isle website and clicking on the “Crime Information” tab on the department’s webpage. Questions about the service, contact the Emerald Isle Police Department at 252-354-2021 or email us at eipd@emeraldisle-nc.org.



House Watch: (For Full Time residents) Please complete online House Watch Form in order to have your residence placed on the Out-of-Town checklist. You may also call the Carteret County Communications Center at 252-726-1911. <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/house-watch-program>

R U Ok?: The R U OK? Program is an automated telephone dialing system designed to provide a means of checking on the elderly, sick or disabled persons that live alone or that do not have family that can check on them. This program is available to subscribers on a volunteer basis to those citizens that want the service. If you are interested in this service for yourself or a loved one (In Emerald Isle), please contact the Emerald Isle Police Department at 252-354-2021.



Beach Driving: Beach driving is allowed (with a permit) from September 15 through April 30, except for the 10-day period from and including the Friday prior to Easter until and including the Sunday that occurs 7 days after Easter. <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/beach-driving>

Programs Continued...



Coffee with a Cop: Join your neighbors and Police Officers for coffee and conversation on the fourth Thursday of every month at 9:00 am, in the commissioner’s boardroom. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers who serve you. For more information contact - Community Resource Officer David Beere @ 252-354-2021.

PEP (Police Educating the Public): The "PEP" program is an informative series of one-hour presentations held every third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am, in the commissioner’s boardroom. Topics discussed during these presentations cover a variety of subjects of interest to our community and communities across the country.



NW Newsletter: The Emerald Isle Police Department puts out a monthly Newsletter called, “The Neighborhood Watch”. This Newsletter contains info and links on upcoming events, monthly crime zone reports, and Crime

mapping. <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/neighborhood-watch>



Emerald Isle Neighborhood Watch Program: If you would like to learn more about Neighborhood Watch or volunteer...Come to our quarterly meetings open to all residents. Contact Community Resource Officer David Beere at (252)354-2021 for meeting date/time/location! <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/neighborhood-watch>



Project Medicine Drop: If you have any prescriptions or over the counter medicines that are expired, or you no longer use and need to be disposed of in a safe manner please drop them in our drop box located in the lobby of the police department during office hours. Mon-Sunday 8AM to 9PM.



Regional Access Parking Permit: To obtain your parking permit, please visit the Emerald Isle Police Department (7500 Emerald Drive) or call (252-354-2021). Online registration begins March 1st, in person registration begins April 1st. Please note: You will need to bring a current vehicle registration(s) and Driver’s License with you when applying for your permit. Emerald Isle taxpayers are eligible to receive 2 annual free parking permits for the Eastern Ocean Regional Access and Western Ocean Regional Access. The parking permits will be granted only for vehicles registered in the name of the taxpayer and are not transferable.



Hurricane Re-Entry Permit Program

It is the Town of Emerald Isle’s goal to return residents, property owners, and business owners back to the Island as quickly and safely as possible after an evacuation. The Hurricane Re-Entry Permit Program

is a tool that facilitates that goal by maximizing security while providing authorized persons the quickest possible access to their properties.

The cost for a re-entry permit is \$25. To purchase new or additional permits please complete this form or call our office at 252-354-2021.

<https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/residential-application-for-disaster-re-entry-permit>



Submit A Crime Tip

If you can help solve a crime, please submit a tip online. You can identify yourself or remain anonymous. Use the link below to submit a tip online. The information will be submitted directly to the Town of Emerald Isle Police Department.

<https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/submit-a-crime-tip>



Horses on Beach Permit Application

Access: *(May only travel to and from the access points to nearest parking)*

- East Ramp- Dog leg at Ocean Dr./Emerald Dr.

- Black Skimmer Ramp- across from the police department

- Horses shall only be allowed on the beach strand between

September 15 and April 30 of each year; (All times coincide with beach driving.). **Day-Pass Permit** - \$10.00 - Good for day issued.

Seasonal Permit - \$50.00 - Good for current season.

Must have: Negative Coggins test for each horse obtained within the last 12 months, must have bun bag or manure catcher for each horse, Picture ID Permits can only be obtained at the Police Department during normal work hours: Sunday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-11 p.m.



Warning Flag System



YELLOW FLAGS indicate moderate hazards and that some rip current activity is expected. You should use caution if entering the water.



RED FLAGS indicate dangerous rip current activity is expected and rip currents are likely to be stronger and more frequent. It is recommended that you stay out of the water.



DOUBLE RED FLAGS indicate the ocean is closed for swimming and you can be fined or arrested for entering the water.



PURPLE FLAGS indicate an abundance of potentially hazardous marine life in the vicinity, including Portuguese man-o-war, jellyfish, and other creatures.

RIP CURRENTS

Break the Grip of the Rip!



Rip Current Safety

1. **Know how to swim.**
2. **NEVER** swim alone.
3. **If in doubt, Don't go out!**

If you are caught in a rip current.

1. **DO NOT Panic!** Remaining calm is your best chance for survival.
2. **Relax and swim parallel to the shoreline.** Rip currents don't take you under, they take you out. But most are only about 50 meters wide, so if you swim parallel to the shoreline, you will eventually swim out of the rip current and you can then swim back to shore.
3. **Don't exhaust yourself!** If you feel yourself getting tired, **float** on your back or tread water, then wave and yell for help.

**REMAINING CALM IS THE KEY
WHEN CAUGHT IN A RIP!**



Beach Rules & Regulations



COMMONLY VIOLATED TOWN ORDINANCES:

1. **STAY OFF THE SAND DUNES!**
2. Public nudity is **PROHIBITED**.
3. Dogs are required to be on a leash **AT ALL TIMES**, even when in the water.
4. The collection and disposal of pet feces is **MANDATORY**.
5. Burying pet feces in the sand is **PROHIBITED**.
6. Camping on the beach is **PROHIBITED**.
7. Burning and cooking fires is **PROHIBITED**.
8. If you dig a hole, it **MUST** be filled in prior to departing the beach.
9. Fireworks that fly, spin or explode are illegal in North Carolina and **PROHIBITED**.
10. Spirituous liquor or fortified wine on the beach strand is **PROHIBITED**.
11. Littering is **PROHIBITED**.
12. Jumping from the pier is **PROHIBITED**.
13. Leaving beach equipment unattended overnight is **PROHIBITED**.

Violation of these ordinances can carry a penalty involving fines ranging between \$50 and \$500, mandatory court appearances or arrest.



May 1st through October 31st

Sea Turtle Nesting & Hatching Season in Emerald Isle

You can help protect these endangered turtles by:

1. **FILLING IN ALL HOLES** your children dig. Mother turtles can become stuck AND people walking at night can be seriously injured.
2. **REMOVING** tents, toys and beach gear overnight. Obstructions can cause mother turtles to turn back and discard her eggs into the ocean.
3. **KEEPING OUTSIDE LIGHTS OFF** at night. Lights disturb mother turtles trying to lay and can cause baby turtles to head inland rather than toward the ocean, which is where they need to be to survive.
4. **PICKING UP TRASH**, especially plastic bags. Turtles mistake plastic bags for jellyfish, which is their main food source and can get sick.
5. **FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL** in North Carolina. The noise from fireworks can keep mother turtles from coming ashore to nest and disturbs baby turtles during hatching.
5. **CALLING THE POLICE** at **252-354-2021** if you see a nesting turtle, a hatching nest or anyone disturbing a turtle nest area.

If you see a nest hatching, PLEASE avoid using flash photography or flashlights!

Sit down, STAY QUIET and enjoy the show!!!



Neighborhood Watch



If you would like to be added to the mailing list and receive the link to the monthly Newsletter please provide the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate your level of interest in the Neighborhood Watch Program by marking all that apply below. *(note: all participation is voluntary)*

I am also interested in:

- **Membership-** The only requirement is that we can count on you to call the police (if in progress) or your street captain (after the fact) if you see something suspicious or illegal taking place. Attend quarterly meetings and participate in other activities if you are able.
- **Member/Volunteer-** We can contact you to volunteer at various activities/events etc. supported by the Neighborhood Watch Program
- **Street Captain-** Assist with administering Neighborhood Watch Program Information to Residents on assigned streets. Distribute QRL's to new residents. Explain the role of Neighborhood Watch and how they can participate. Maintain Support of the Neighborhood Watch Program, encouraging residents/visitors to report suspicious activity or unwarranted changes in the Neighborhood to the police department immediately. Actively enlist residents to join as participants by recruiting for filling needed positions or for captains/zone commanders during absences. Distributing pertinent information. Provide feedback of pertinent information in your assigned area to Zone commanders. Attend quarterly meetings and participate in other activities if you are able.
- **Co-Captain-** Resumes Captains Duties as needed. Assistant to Street Captain
- **Are currently an active:**
 - Member or Member/Volunteer
 - Street Captain/Co-Captain
 - Section Leader
 - Zone Commander



Stay informed Download the Emerald Isle App

The "Emerald Isle App" can be downloaded for free at The App Store (Apple devices) and at Google Play (Android devices).

The app is designed to make it easy for our residents and visitors to check current beach conditions and flag warnings, learn what the flags mean, locate the terrific local businesses in Emerald Isle, find out where to stay, eat, shop, things to do, special events, locate beach/sound access points and town parks. You can also sign up to receive text alerts from the town:

<https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/email-text-notifications>

Nice Matters!