



Flags of the Revolution

Happy Fourth of July!

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In all its glory (and its humidity), Summer has finally arrived. We know you are ready for summer vacation, but is your home ready? We are including some tips in this edition of “News You Can Use” that can help you to prep your home for what is beginning to look like a hot one! And don’t forget, the Fourth of July is right around the corner so we have included some safety tips from Sheriff Carpenter from the Lincoln County Sheriff Department. And from all of us at the Knox Law Center, have a happy and very safe Independence Day!



Sheriff Carpenter Offers Tips for a Safe July 4th

With the approach of the July 4th, Lincoln County Sheriff David Carpenter asks all citizens to join him in making this Fourth of July holiday period a happy and enjoyable one for all.

Traditionally during the July 4th Holiday, our highways experience one of the highest traffic flows of the year. The Sheriff reminds all county residents to follow these safety tips:

- Always shift your attention every few seconds, constantly scanning the road ahead and behind you. Never blankly stare ahead nor fix your gaze on one point on the road.
- When passing an automobile, always glance at the ground beside the front wheel of the car you intend to pass. You will know instantly if the car is about to veer - giving you an extra few seconds to respond.
- You should pull out into the opposite lane of traffic when passing while you are still well behind the car in front. This should give you some time and space to build up speed and will enable you to pull back into your own lane should the need arise. Never cut abruptly out of your lane into the opposite lane when passing.
- Always signal your intentions with your brake lights, turn signals, horn and/or headlights so that other drivers will see you well before you change course.
- Drivers should always “aim high” in steering. That is, you should glance frequently at points well ahead of you. Not only will this help your steering, but it will also help you check the position of vehicles in front of you as well as on-coming ones.
- Never follow too close. Remember that, as your speed increases, it takes you substantially longer to stop. Also remember that it’s good to have an extra cushion of space in front of you if you’re being tail-gated, on a slippery road, or in low visibility conditions.

“Lastly, I would remind all motorists to practice the Golden rule when driving. Be courteous and tolerant of other drivers. Please don’t get angry with bad drivers or reckless ones – just get out of their way,” Sheriff Carpenter said in closing, “Let’s make this summer a safe one on the roads in Lincoln County.”

Summer Checklist for Home Maintenance

- Change and clean your HVAC air filters and have your heater serviced. Because of lower demand during the summer for this service, you may be able to get a better rate.
- **Check the ducts:** If you suspect that dampness may have entered your ducts, now is the time to get them cleaned and checked for mold. Warm-weather moisture and dampness from your air conditioner can cause mold, which can result in health problems. Home with daily use of heating/cooling systems should have ducts checked annually.
- Have your septic tank system inspected and have lateral sewer line inspected and cleared
- Inspect driveways, sidewalks, patios, bricks, and other concrete or stone surface for cracks, and repair as needed

- Inspect your decks, steps, and other wooden structures around your home for wood rot and other damage. Consider re-sealing or weatherproofing any surfaces that are exposed to direct sunlight and other elements. Wood must be able to maintain its moisture and when exposed to heat and dry conditions, dry rot can set in which can cause warping and structural problems to your home and deck.
- Test ground-fault circuit interrupters around your home and examine electrical cords for wear
- Inspect washer hoses and dryer vent system. Lint build-up in the dryer vent system can result in fires. According to the Consumer Safety Commission, this issue causes an estimated 16,000 homes fires each year!

Good Samaritans Still Exist

Contributed by H. Edward Knox



As Senior Managing Partner of the Knox Law Center, I have witnessed a lot of horrible things happen to a lot of good people. Because we generally only hear about the bad things going on in the world through the media and its news reports, when I hear of someone reaching out to help another, it truly warms my heart.

I was recently contacted by someone involved in a serious motorcycle accident and was injured due to the negligent actions of another motorist. The injured party, my client, was rushed to the hospital after the accident and his wife arrived soon thereafter. My client could neither hear nor speak and was therefore, unable to communicate with anyone. Upon going through her husband's pants pockets in the emergency room, my client's wife discovered a piece of paper with an email address and the word "witness" written on it.

I asked my paralegal to send an email to the address on the piece of paper and to find out a little more about this "witness". Several days later, my office was contacted from Afghanistan by the individual who had witnessed the motorcycle accident above. This witness explained that he knew he was being deployed and that the best way for him to be identified as a witness to the accident was to leave his written contact information with the injured party since the injured party could neither hear nor speak. He knew someone would find it on his person at the hospital. He had stayed with my client until the ambulance arrived. He advised that when his deployment was over and he returned to North Carolina, he looked forward to meeting with my client and assisting in any way he could to help him.

This person wanted nothing in return for his assistance and simply wanted to help my client because he hoped someone would do the same for him if the tables were turned. I encourage everyone to take a moment and think about the last selfless act in which you participated. I sincerely hope there are too many for you to remember and that you continue on that path.


Mayor's Youth Employment Program



Mayor Anthony Fox, Mayor of City of Charlotte



Left to Right: Sherry M Crump, KBKG Paralegal
Mahogany Nelson, MYEP Intern for KBKG
Tamara Blankenship, KBKG Paralegal

EMERGENCY MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION 

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____

NOTIFY IN EMERGENCY

Name _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Physician _____
Phy Phone _____
Other Information _____

SEE OTHER SIDE

Carry Your Medical Emergency ID Card on Your Next Walk Around the Block

Most people don't think about taking identification when they go outside. Runners and walkers especially seem to like to keep their hands free. But to err on the side of caution, you may want to consider changing it up the next time you go outside for a run or even a walk around the block.

For example, a staff member at our office went running during his lunch break. He took nothing with him except his IPOD and a towel. About a mile from the office, he tripped and hit his head against the concrete. He suffered some bruising, an injured hand, and some minor scrapes on his knees. A Good Samaritan called Medic and he was checked out and later driven back to the office by that same Good Samaritan.

But what if our staff member had not been conscious and had been severely injured. He would have had no way of letting the first responders know of any medical conditions he suffered from and would have been admitted to the hospital as another “John Doe” because he was not carrying ID. No one would have known to contact the office where he works and alert them about the accident and his condition and no one would have known if he was allergic to any medications. Carrying ID and medical information with you can save precious time for medical personnel in the event you are involved in an accident. Most certainly after he had not returned to our office within the hour, we would have begun looking for him but it would have taken time to locate him.

Our staff member didn’t expect to fall and injure himself while out on his run. No one expects bad things to happen but they do. So be smart. Carry a picture ID and your medical information with you when you are out and about. If you are running or walking, you can easily slip this information in your shoes or socks so you can keep your hands free. You may want to consider even laminating your information so that moisture does not affect it. Remember, this could save first responders and medical personnel precious minutes when trying to help you.

Keys to Protecting Your Home While You are on Vacation

Contributed by First Sergeant Connie M. Queen of Lincoln County Sheriff’s Department

Burglaries increase in July and August – a time when many families are enjoying their long-anticipated vacations. There are a number of steps you can take to help prevent home break-ins while you are away.

- **Ask the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office to do a “keep check”** on your property while you are away. A deputy will periodically check on your property at different times during the day during your vacation.
- **Stop your mail, newspapers and any other home deliveries.** You can do this by filling out a form with the post office and calling your newspaper to ask for a vacation hold.
- **Never leave a message on your answering machine saying you're on vacation.** This lets everyone who calls know that you're gone and when you'll be returning. Leave your answering machine message the same as always, but change the setting to pick up on the first or second ring. This way, a burglar won't hear a constantly ringing, but unanswered, phone.
- **Leave curtains and shades open.** If you will not have someone house-sitting for you, leave your drapes and blinds open (but be sure there are no valuables like jewelry, laptops, etc. in plain site). Closed shades during the day make it look like no one is home, and also offer a burglar who enters your home a great deal of privacy.
- **Unplug everything you can.** Other than the refrigerator, freezer and lights on timers, everything – including the coffee pot, computer, TV, toaster, etc. – should be unplugged when you're on vacation. Why? Because even though your clock radio may not be on, the circuit is still active and could potentially cause a problem.
- **If you can leave a car in the driveway** and use timers to turn on outdoor and indoor lights to give the impression that someone is home.
- **Don’t advertise your vacation over the internet by email, Twitter or Facebook.**
- **If you have access to one, place all your valuables in a safe or safe deposit box.**
- **And, have a neighbor or family member check on your residence while you are gone.**

Where to See Fireworks on the Fourth

For those of you who have not decided where to watch the fireworks this July 4th, consider the following:

- **U.S. National Whitewater Center**
Live music starting at 4 p.m. Fireworks follow the concert. \$5 parking.
- **WBT Skyshow 2012**
Charlotte Knights play the Gwinnett Braves at 7 p.m. Firework show after the game. \$8-\$14
- **Lake Wylie**
Fireworks at Lake Wylie near the Buster Boyd Bridge around 9:45 p.m
- **Presbyterian Hospital July 4th Spectacular**
Center City Charlotte and Presbyterian Hospital host the 4th annual firework show in uptown Charlotte 6 p.m.-10 p.m. with fireworks beginning around 9:30 p.m.
- **Queen's Landing Fireworks**
Queen's Landing Mooresville will host a concert and the Lake Norman firework display. Fireworks begin around 9:15 p.m
- **Carowinds**
All military servicemen get in to the park for free with a valid military ID. Special flag performance, brass brigade band, picnic, fireworks and more.

Lastly, we would like to send you off with a little note to think about. We hope you enjoy and will be in touch with you soon!

"Each of us is in possession of such a magical bank. We just can't seem to see it.

The MAGICAL BANK is TIME!

Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life, and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.

What we haven't lived up that day is forever lost.

Yesterday is forever gone.

Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time....WITHOUT WARNING.

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.

Think about that, and always think of this:

Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be Happy, Love Deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start spending!"

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