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An e-newsletter from
the office of City Manager Mitch Johnson

David Spears Named Acting Fire Chief

Acting Chief Spears begins his new duties immediately.

Deputy Chief David Spears will serve as acting fire chief following the retirement of Chief Johnny Teeters. Spears joined the Greensboro Fire Department in 1980. He became a captain in 1986, battalion chief in 1993, assistant chief in 1996 and has been deputy chief since 2004.



Under the City's anti-nepotism policy, however, Spears cannot be appointed to permanent fire chief because he has a relative who is employed in the fire department. The search for a permanent chief is expected to take about six months.

Budget Work Sessions Continue

City Council must adopt a final 2008-09 budget by June 30.

Council members will continue to work on finalizing the 2008-09 budget at a work session scheduled for Monday, June 9 at 7 pm in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building. [Review the proposed budget.](#)



You've Been Served

Warrant Squad efforts make it easier for officers to find suspects and serve papers.

The Warrant Squad of the Greensboro Police Department is taking a computerized bite out of crime. Recent changes at the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) now allow law enforcement agencies to enter all warrants into a computerized database.

Greensboro's Warrant Squad is adding to the database felony warrants, domestic violence legal papers, and other papers where the charges or the suspect might be a danger to officers. This increases the likelihood of serving the papers, even to suspects who have left the area. Law enforcement agencies across the country can see if there are any outstanding warrants or orders for arrest for someone in Greensboro. In addition to increasing the number of warrants and papers served, entering the information into NCIC also enhances public safety, as well as officer safety.

Did You Know

A \$499,999 grant from the Governor's Crime Commission will provide educational opportunities, athletic programs, and more than 63 jobs for youth in Greensboro. The Greensboro Police Department, Police Athletic League, the Hope Project and JobLinks will share in providing these services. [Read more.](#)

The June 3 meeting of the Greensboro City Council was recessed to Tuesday, June 10 beginning at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers at the Melvin Municipal Office Building. Free parking is available in the Greene Street parking deck after 5 pm. Council meetings are also aired live on Channel 13 and through [videostreaming](#).

Annexation takes effect June 30. Just more than eight square miles of land and 10,000 new residents will be annexed into Greensboro on June 30. The majority of the annexation area is located in the northwest part of the city. [Learn more about the upcoming annexation.](#)

The City of Greensboro is gearing up for its fifth annual public education program *Government Works: A City Academy* to begin September 4. Applications are now being accepted for the program, which teaches participants about City government. To apply for the fall session, [go online](#) or call Public Affairs at 373-2723. Deadline to apply is July 15.

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Robbery Suppression Unit

Making A Difference



In Greensboro last year, officers solved 34 percent of reported robberies. Nationwide, only 25 percent of robberies are solved.

Attention to robbery trends, thorough investigative work and a little bit of luck came together for the Police Department's Robbery Suppression Unit last week when they arrested suspects in a convenience store robbery immediately after the robbery occurred.

A member of the unit observed three men acting suspiciously shortly after midnight on June 4, in the parking lot of Great Stops, 5412 W. Market St. Suddenly, the three men covered their faces and ran into the store, where they robbed the store clerk at gunpoint while stealing money and cigars.

When the suspects ran out of the store, the officer and his backup were able to arrest two of the three men; the third fled and was not found. Officers recovered all of the money, items stolen from the store, as well as the gun used in the robbery.

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