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**Wilmington Chamber Organizes First Responders Appreciation Week
Awards Breakfast and Discounts at Area Businesses Highlight Activities**

Wilmington, N.C. — After being postponed due to Hurricane Florence, the First Responders Appreciation Breakfast has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 27th. For the second year, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is asking area businesses to show their support for first responders by offering discounts or free products/services to area first responders (EMS, police departments, fire departments, Sheriff's Office, and 911 Center employees) from November 27th—December 4th. Businesses wishing to participate should contact Sue Meier at meier@wilmingtonchamber.org or 910.762.2611 x226 to be listed in promotional materials.

To kick-off the Appreciation Week, first responders will be honored for their outstanding service at the *2nd Annual First Responders Appreciation Breakfast* on Tuesday, November 27th at the Coastline Conference & Event Center (501 Nutt Street, Wilmington) from 8:00-9:30 am. Mayor Bill Saffo and New Hanover County Commission Chairman Woody White will present awards to area first responder agencies and a “Friend of First Responder” Business Award.

“Our first responders go above and beyond to protect us, our homes and families, oftentimes not receiving the recognition they rightfully deserve,” said Chamber President & CEO Natalie English. “First Responders Appreciation Week allows the business community to show their admiration and support and give back to those who are on the frontlines for the community every day.”

Tickets to the breakfast are available at a cost of \$35 each for Wilmington Chamber members and \$45 for non-members. Tickets may be reserved online at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/wggy0w/1Q>

The First Responders Appreciation Breakfast is presented by New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The event is sponsored by: Holmes Security Systems, Duke Energy, Highland Construction Company, StarNews Media and Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCareCenter.

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