

City of Salisbury Statement Regarding July 2016 shootings

From Salisbury Mayor Karen Alexander:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those affected by the shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota, and the senseless deaths that occurred Thursday evening in Dallas. While we don't yet know the details surrounding all of these tragic events, we do know that the trust between law enforcement and the citizens we serve is paramount.

An important dialogue is being had in our country right now surrounding equality, inclusion and the civil rights of all citizens. We pray for peaceful resolutions to what is occurring throughout our great nation.

Interim Police Chief Brian Stallings:

I am deeply saddened at the loss of life that has occurred and my heart goes out to the families involved.

I was asked what suggestions could be made for citizens when they have a weapon in their vehicle and have been stopped by the police. For the safety of the citizen as well as the officer, I offer the following guidelines as a general practice if you are pulled over while carrying a concealed handgun:

- Before the officer approaches, roll down your window and place your hands in plain view on the steering wheel. If at night, please turn on the interior light.
- Calmly tell the officer that you have a license to carry a concealed handgun and that you have a handgun with you and where it is located.
- Ask if the officer has particular instructions concerning the handgun.
- Do not touch or attempt to touch your handgun unless specifically told to by the officer.
- Do not exit your vehicle unless specifically told to by the officer.
- Comply with all lawful orders given by the officer.