

# Town of North Topsail Beach



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## Police Department

Chief William K. Younginer

At approximately 12:18pm on August 3, 2024, Beach Ambassadors Wynn & Green were patrolling the beach between Seaview Pier & Access 40 when BA Green noticed something floating in the ocean. BAs stopped to take a closer look & discovered a sea turtle in distress. BA Wynn employed the assistance of nearby citizens on the beach, since they were in swimsuits. A gentleman went into the water to rescue the turtle but struggled with getting his hands on the turtle. BA Wynn handed her cell phone to BA Green & went into the ocean. When BA Wynn got close to the turtle and scooped it up, BA noticed it had a hook in its mouth & the line was hung on the old road that lies beneath the ocean. The citizen was able to free the line & follow behind BA Wynn to get the turtle safely on the beach & into a bucket of sea water. The hook in the turtle's mouth had approximately 6 inches of line attached to it with another hook & a weight. BA Green had a knife in her bag & was able to cut the excess line while leaving the hook in place in the turtle's mouth and enough line for the hospital to be able to properly remove it. BA Wynn then placed the bucket under the citizen's tent for shade & placed a wet beach towel over the top of the bucket, to calm the turtle. While BA Wynn was securing the turtle, BA Green called the turtle hospital, but she was unable to locate an emergency number. BA Wynn then contacted a source through the Topsail Turtle Patrol. BA Wynn walked to the nearest beach house to retrieve the house number so Turtle Patrol could locate BAs. Turtle Patrol volunteer Phil Weekly picked up the turtle & took him to the turtle hospital.

BA Wynn went to the turtle hospital on Friday, 8/9/24 to get an update on the turtle. It was named "Ceibo," which means Bravery. It is still placed in the sick bay but recovering well from its injury. 🐢👉

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Chief of Police