



T.I.P.S.



"TIPS AND INFO FOR PUBLIC SAFETY"

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National Night Out, New Hope's Night to Unite



It seems long ago that our community came together for National Night Out, New Hope's Night to Unite. Thanks to all who participated in any of the 92 registered events this year! It was a wonderful night to get out to meet neighbors, police, fire, elected officials, public works, and others that serve our community. If you were lucky, you were able to see some beautiful chalk art containing a positive message for crime prevention. Below is one of the winning entries. Other entries can be found on the New Hope Crime Prevention Fund website: www.nhcpf.org. Watch for another opportunity to participate in 2017!



Sign Up Soon for 2017...

Registration for NNO/NTU 2017 will begin on May 1, 2017. Forms go out via E-mail and will be posted to the website, NextDoor, and available in person at the New Hope Police Department. No need to wait until August, Neighborhood Watch groups should get together at least twice during the calendar year. Officer Korth is available to come out and speak to your group on a crime prevention topic. Other officers may be available to come out to speak about areas in which they have expertise.

CONTACT US: www.ci.new-hope.mn.us

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Records or Information **763-531-5170**

Community Services **763-531-5140**

Animal Control Questions **763-531-5161**
(for response call 911)

Police, Fire, or Medical Response **911**

Sign Up for Electronic Updates With Your Block Captain

Please let your block captain know if you would like the Weekly Media Report forwarded to you. No one wants to be flooded with unwanted messages, but if you do want to receive it, your block captain may forward to you as they get it. The reports have a two week delay due to clerical processing, but will give you a snapshot of some of the incidents we've responded to around the city. If you spot a crime yourself, please call 9-1-1 immediately to report it. If you have a question or concern, or are in need of information, please contact officer Korth at 763-531-5140 or nkorth@ci.new-hope.mn.us. Also - Please remember that Neighborhood NextDoor is available to any resident with internet access, whether or not you have a neighborhood watch group on your block. The New Hope Police Department and the City of New Hope do occasionally send out information through NextDoor, but since we are not members of the group, we do not see the communication that takes place between group members. If you have a question or concern, please make direct contact with Officer Korth, or someone at City Hall who can assist.

NEXT T.I.P.S. ISSUE

The next issue of T.I.P.S. will be out in the Fall. If you have concerns, or would like more information on any topic featured, please contact Officer Korth at 763-531-5140.



SAVE THE DATE!

May 3	Bike Rodeo Golden Valley
May 13	Vehicle Fair
June 3	City Day (open house) New Hope City Hall
August 1	National Night Out, New Hope's Night to Unite
August 15-17	New Hope Safety Camp

CRIME PREVENTION TIP

If someone calls you and makes a threat or demand for immediate payment of a debt, warrant, or utility bill via the use of a debit card of some type, send no personal information or payment. (or if someone asks you to wire money) Contact the company directly with the phone number listed. If the person claims to be a relative, hang up and call that person or another relative at the number you have for them. Many times a victim will have a feeling it is not right, but sends funds anyway due to the perceived urgency. Unfortunately, once the money is gone, it's not coming back.



IT'S THE LAW!

HENNEPIN COUNTY CURFEW FOR JUVENILES

AGE	WEEKDAYS	FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Under 12	Home by 9:00 p.m.	Home by 10:00 p.m.
12-14	Home by 10:00 p.m.	Home by 11:00 p.m.
15-17	Home by 11:00 p.m.	Home by MIDNIGHT



CRIME ALERT

The New Hope Police Department continues to receive reports of stolen mail and the creation of fraudulent checks created and cashed against a victim's bank account. We have had a few others where checks or money orders were stolen, washed and re-written, and periodically get reports of theft of packages.

Please do not put cash, checks, gift cards or other valuables in your unsecure mailbox for pick up with the flag up. Unfortunately, doing so may alert a potential thief that there is something of value in your mailbox ready to be stolen. The mail thefts have been occurring in many cities in our surrounding area. Please help reduce your risk by following these recommendation and call 911 to report any crime or tampering with a mailbox you observe.

PROTECTING YOUR MAIL

Tips to protect your mail from thieves:

- **Don't leave mail items of value in an un-secure mail box.**
- Use the **letter slots inside your Post Office** for your mail, **or hand it to a letter carrier.** *(If leaving in the blue collection box, check the collection time to make sure your mail will not be in the box overnight)*
- **Pick up your mail promptly** after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
- **If you don't receive** a check or other valuable **mail you're expecting**, contact the issuing agency immediately.
- **If you change your address**, immediately notify your Post Office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail.
- **Don't send cash** in the mail. (or checks and gift cards from an un-secure box)
- Tell your Post Office when you'll be **out of town**, so they can **hold your mail** until you return. *(Or have a trusted person pick it up for you – especially when expecting something valuable)*
- **Report all suspected mail theft** to police and the Postal Inspector.
- Consider starting a **neighborhood watch program**. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up mail and keep an eye out if you are away.

If you see, or if you believe your mail was stolen, **call 9-1-1** to report to the police immediately. You may also call Postal Inspectors at 877-876-2455 (press 3) to report the incident.

Remember:

- Cash, gift cards and checks that are stolen can be easy for the thief to use right away.
- A stolen check has all the information a thief needs to create fake checks, wash your check and re-write it for another purpose, or make ACH payments from your bank account.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Officer Nichole Korth at 763-531-5140.

(Tips Adapted from: <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/investigations/MailFraud/fraudschemes/mailtheft/TipThieves.aspx>)

Crime Stats and Maps

The table below represents the estimated number of incidents of certain crime types reported to the New Hope Police Department in 2016. We are currently working to update the format of this section for the next newsletter. All block captains should be receiving the weekly media report. If you would like to have the report sent to you, please provide an email address to your block captain.



Incident Summary by Incident Type

(selected Crime Types)

Date Range: 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016

Incident Type	# of Incidents
Arson	3
Assault	76
Burglary	9
Burglary-attempted	4
Burglary-commercial	11
Burglary-residential	51
Controlled Substance	23
Counterfeit	6
Criminal Sexual Conduct	22
Damage To Property	140
Disorderly Conduct	47
Domestic	255
Domestic Assault	128
Forgery	13
Fraud	39
Harassment	134
Indecent Exposure	3
Liquor Violation	1
Narcotics	154
Robbery	18
Tampering With Motor Vehicle	6
Terroristic Threats	22
Theft	372
Theft - Auto	23
Theft From Vehicle	62
Vandalism	3
Weapons Offense	19
Total: 1644	



THE NEW HOPE CRIME PREVENTION FUND UPDATE



NEW HOPE CRIME PREVENTION FUND

www.nhcpf.org

The New Hope Crime Prevention Fund Board recently mailed out it's annual fundraiser. To save cost this year, the mailing went only to recent years donors and local businesses and community organization.

If you would like a copy of the mailing, the letter is available on the website or can be mailed out by calling 763-531-5140 and leaving your mailing address. It is due to the many generous donations that the Board is able to continue it's support of crime prevention initiatives in New Hope, and also to continue to recognize individuals with rewards and recognition for their contributions.

Please feel free to contact us through the website or call 763-531-5140 with any questions or concerns you would like brought to our attention. The board is always looking for new ideas to help prevent crime and improve public safety in the community. If you are reading this, thank you for taking an active role in crime prevention in your neighborhood and in the greater community!

Crime Prevention Calendar Available at New Hope PD

If you would like a FREE November 2016–December 2017 Crime Prevention Calendar, please stop by the New Hope Police Department any time during business hours. We have a limited number available, while supplies last. This year the theme of the calendar is "Counterfeits Can Be Dangerous, Get Informed", and it focusses on identifying and protecting yourself from purchase of counterfeit products.