



# T.I.P.S.



## "TIPS AND INFO FOR PUBLIC SAFETY"

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### The Infourmer

To :All New Hope Police Volunteers

On behalf of the New Hope Police Department and the community we serve, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your countless hours, and in some cases, many years of service as a volunteer member of our organization. Whether you have served as a Block Captain, National Night Out Organizer, Community Services volunteer Police Explorer, D.A.R.E. Program volunteer, Crime Fund Board Member, or have helped out in any other way, we appreciate your support and commitment to preventing crime in the community.

It is due to the efforts of volunteers like yourself that neighborhoods in New Hope are able to build stronger connections between neighbors and with our police department. Through our partnership, we all renew our commitment to work together to solve problems as they arise and to improve public safety for all who live, work, learn, and play within New Hope.

It takes a strong commitment to continue your work in a volunteer capacity, and we appreciate all of your hard work and service in whatever role you serve.

Volunteer Week is April 10-16, 2016. Thank you in advance for your service!

Chief Tim Fournier

March, 2016

### National Night Out, New Hope's Night to Unite

Registration will open on May 1, 2016. Organizers are encouraged to talk to neighbors early, especially if you intend to apply for barricades. We have had outstanding participation from neighborhoods throughout the city. If you have not participated, or it has been a few years since you last organized an event, please give Officer Korth a call and get all the information you need to go forward with your plans. This is by far the biggest night for Crime Prevention in our city and around the country. We look forward to your participation and to partnering with you to prevent crime and improve public safety in New Hope!



**CONTACT US: [www.ci.new-hope.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us)**

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New Hope, MN 55428**

**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**

**THEFT  
PREVENTION**

Each week, when preparing the media report that goes out, it is apparent that theft, in it's many forms, continues to be the most reported crime in our small community. Reducing theft means making a commitment to improve your personal security both in terms of physical property, and your electronic property or funds. Unfortunately, for each new advancement in prevention, there is someone out there working hard to find a way to overcome your security and get your money or property. The list is long for Theft Prevention because there are so many crimes included in the term "THEFT". These are just a few of the many prevention tips.

- ◆ Close the garage door when not in or near the garage
- ◆ Lock your doors, even if you are home (unless you would like to allow people to come in without an invitation from you)
- ◆ Request a Home-Security Check, or conduct one yourself using available resources
- ◆ Have good security on your home and work computer.
- ◆ Do not open emails that are in any way suspicious, even if they appear to be from someone you know.
- ◆ If something is valuable to you, don't leave it where it can be easily seen and taken.

**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!**

<b>May 1</b>	<b>NNO/NTU Registration</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Bike Rodeo</b>
<b>May 14</b>	<b>Vehicle Fair @ Crystal Community Center</b>
<b>June 4</b>	<b>City Day New Hope City Hall</b>
<b>July 15-17</b>	<b>Duk Duk Daze</b>
<b>August 2</b>	<b>NNO/NTU Celebration</b>
<b>August 16-18</b>	<b>Safety Camp</b>

**CRIME PREVENTION TIP**

**Don't click the blinking icons and ads that pop up on your computer. As tempting as they can be, no good will likely come of it. Don't give access to your computer to an unknown party who tells you your computer has a virus.**



**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



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## THE NEW HOPE CRIME PREVENTION FUND UPDATE



**NEW HOPE CRIME PREVENTION FUND**

[www.nhcpf.org](http://www.nhcpf.org)

The New Hope Crime Prevention Fund Board would like to thank the many businesses and residents who have either mailed in a donation, or visited the Board's website: [www.nhcpf.org](http://www.nhcpf.org) to make an online donation through the PayPal link. The Board is very excited to have the website available to the community and will be looking for more ways to continue to support crime prevention and public safety throughout the year. Due to these donations, the Board is able to continue its 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. We are 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!

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## IdentityTheft.gov Offers Personal Recovery Plans

The FTC announced new features at [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov) that make it easier to report and recover from identity theft. When you use [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov) to report a problem, you'll get a personal recovery plan that walks you through each recovery step, tracks your progress and adapts to your changing situation, and pre-fills letters and forms for you. It is also available in Spanish at [RobodeIdentidad.gov](http://RobodeIdentidad.gov).

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## BLOCK CAPTAIN'S TRAINING RE-CAP

Block Captains training was held February 18, 2016. At his meeting information on the **Predatory Offender Registration Program** was presented by the Minnesota Department of Corrections( DOC). A .pdf file of the presentation is available from your block captain or you may find a similar presentation on the DOC website: <http://www.doc.state.mn.us/pages/index.php/supervision-community/reentry-resources/> If you go to the site you will also find other useful information including safety tips and a video presentation on the program.

We also discussed the future of the **T.I.P.S. Newsletter** and the best means for the police department to send information out, and in what format watch members will receive it from Block Captains. All groups are encouraged to develop a means of communicating information with members which may include: Email List, Nextdoor or another web based virtual block club, Telephone Tree, or hard-copies hand delivered. If you have an email you can share with your block captain, this may make timely communication of information easier for them. Please discuss at your next watch meeting and let your captain's know the best way to reach you.

We also discussed many **scams** that have become prevalent in our community as well as everywhere else. Excellent prevention resources on many scams are available on the Minnesota Attorney General's website: <http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Consumer/Default.asp>. We have had several cases in New Hope where victims have lost several hundred, to several thousand dollars to scammers. Unfortunately, once the money is sent, many times to a foreign country, there is not much chance we can do anything to get it back. Please continue to educate yourself on the current scams and talk to friends, family, and neighbors about what you learn. If you would like copies of information to distribute, please contact Officer Korth at 763-531-5140. If you would like this or any other information presented at your neighborhood meeting, please contact Officer Korth. She will be happy to represent the information for the benefit of your entire group.

# Crime Stats and Maps



The table below represents the total number of incidents by certain crime types reported to the New Hope Police Department in 2015. 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

Date Range: 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015

Incident Type	# of Incidents
Assault	78
Burglary	1
Burglary-attempted	7
Burglary-commercial	6
Burglary-residential	57
Criminal Sexual Conduct	12
Damage To Property	100
Domestic Assault	120
Forgery	13
Fraud	38
Homicide	1
Liquor Violation	2
Narcotics	133
Narcotics Complaint	1
Robbery	9
Sex Related Violation	9
Tampering With Motor Vehicle	8
Terroristic Threats	21
Theft	379
Theft - Auto	19
Theft From Vehicle	62
Vandalism	8
Weapons Offense	19
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1103</b>

## IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT IS!

This is not new information, but it does bear repeating. I read through the reports each week and see that people are being conned out of their money and personal property because of the lure of easy money, or a convincing con artist. Even though it would be nice to receive large amounts of money unexpectedly, in the back of your mind, you know you have not won a foreign lottery that you did not enter. If you are selling something on a website, that same place in your mind will tell you there is not a genuine offer in which someone will pay you more than your asking price. Anyone who has ever sold online, or tried to sell any items at a garage sale, knows that the customer will almost always try to talk you down in price before agreeing to buy any item. There definitely is someone who will send you a fraudulent check for more than the amount you're asking, take the item, and be long gone before you or the bank can discover the fraud. Be wary and take time to investigate anything that doesn't seem legitimate.

## LIQUID NICOTINE CHILD RESISTANT POISONING LAW SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

Liquid nicotine is the substance that goes into e-cigarettes. The bill, [S. 142 the Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act](#), requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission to hold liquid nicotine vials to the same standard of child resistant packaging as other poisons or medication. The bill was signed into law by President Obama on January 28, 2016.

The bill summary can be found at:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/142>