



# GREENLAND POLICE NEWSLETTER

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## Monthly Statistics January 2012

An overview of calls for service for the month.

Total Calls -593

Summary of Activity  
(Does not include all calls)

Motor Vehicle Stops	66
Warnings	53
Citations	13
Arrests -	6
Crime Reports -	26
Felonies -	5
Robbery -	0
Sexual Assault	1
Assaults -	1
Burglary -	0
Thefts -	11
Fraud	1
Vandalism -	1
Criminal Threats -	0
Harassment	0
Domestics -	5
Suspicious Activity	22
Accidents -	18
Follow up -	123
Ambulance/Fire -	27
Alarms-	11

## SCAMS, SCAMS, EVERYWHERE THERE'S SCAMS!

- On February 2, 2012, we received a complaint from a resident about a phone call from a man with a foreign accent asking to conduct a survey for fire protection. When the resident asked to speak to a supervisor the man hung up the phone.
- In Hollis NH, an 85 year old grandparent fell victim to a scam in which the caller pretended to be their grandchild, in trouble in a foreign country and needing money wired immediately.
- PSNH is warning of a scam that tells customers that they must open a new credit card or buy a Green Dot Card or their power will get turned off.
- NH DMV is warning of a scam with false links to an online license renewal site that is harvesting personal information.
- Numerous email scams involving phony NY traffic tickets, Direct Deposit via ACH, USPS Delivery Failure, and many many more.
- Craigslist Scams - Advertisements of homes for rent cheap (properties are not for rent), Items listed for sale that don't exist, and the ever so popular Nigerian Scam - you are overpaid with a forged money order for an item you are selling, so that you can "pay" a 3<sup>rd</sup> party shipper.

With a never-ending list of new and devious frauds, how can you keep your identity and money safe? Follow these simple rules and use common sense.

Rule # 1 - If it sounds too good to be true, it is. Mom was right on this one!

Rule #2 - Legitimate companies will NEVER ask for personal information by an unsolicited phone call or email. Important correspondence will be in writing.

Rule #3 - Do not click a link in an email to get to a website. Many times this leads to a fake Phishing Site that is designed to steal personal information. ALWAYS type an address directly into a browser.

Rule #4 - Never accept overpayments for an item, Western Union or Money Orders, or respond to "buyers" from other countries.

Rule #5 - If you are unsure is something is legitimate, find out before you commit. Don't fall victim to high pressure tactics.

Rule #6 - Check out the following sites for more in depth information.

<http://www.nh.gov/consumer/scams/index.htm>

<http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>

<http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/e-scams>

<http://www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com/>

<http://www.craigslist.org/about/scams>

## Frequently asked questions?

### What should I do if I'm pulled over by the police?

If a Police car pulls in behind you while driving and activates its emergency lights and/or siren, you should pull over to the side of the road as soon as it is safe. Once you have pulled over, you should put the car in park and turn on the interior light. This is for your safety as well as the safety of the Officer.

You have to remember that although you know you are a decent, law abiding citizen, the Police Officer behind you has no idea who you are and will be naturally cautious as numerous Officers are hurt and even killed each year during "routine" traffic stops.

When approached by the Officer, you will be asked for your driver's license, vehicle registration.

If you need to enter the glove compartment to retrieve the documents, just tell the Officer what you are doing and proceed to get your documents when instructed.

In order to make this traffic stop as safe and pleasant as possible for all involved, here are a few tips:

- Do not make any sudden or violent movements.
- Do not suddenly conceal or hide your hands.
- Remain in the vehicle unless instructed to exit by the Officer.

# ***"PROUDLY SERVING THE CITIZENS OF GREENLAND"***

## Suspicious Activity at a Bus Stop

On January 12, 2012, a juvenile on Ocean Road reported that she was approached by an unknown male at her bus stop and offered a ride to school. The juvenile refused and the bus arrived and she went to school without any further problems. The man was described as being 50-60 years old, short white hair, neatly trimmed mustache and goatee. He was driving a white panel van with unknown New Hampshire plates.

If anyone has any information on the white van or the suspect please contact the Greenland Police Department @ 603 431 4624.

### **Parents please review the following safety tips with your children.**

1. Don't be afraid to say "NO" and GET AWAY from any situation that makes you feel uncomfortable. Trust your feelings.
2. Teach kids that responsible adults will NOT ask a child for directions, for help finding a lost pet, or offer a ride. If an adult is doing any of these things, they should be treated as dangerous.
3. Teach your children if anyone follows them on foot to get away as quickly as possible. If they are followed in a vehicle, tell them to turn around and go in the opposite direction.
4. If someone tries to take your child somewhere, teach them to make a scene by kicking and screaming and yelling, "This is not my parent" or "this person is trying to take me away".
5. Always tell an adult as soon as possible, if something happens, that makes you feel that way.
6. Adults, contact the police immediately so that we have a better chance for finding the suspect.
7. Have a safety plan in place so your children know what to do in a dangerous situation.



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