

## ADVOCACY IS A VALUED PARTNER TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Hanover Police Officers will help connect you with the local sexual assault advocacy resource, WISE.

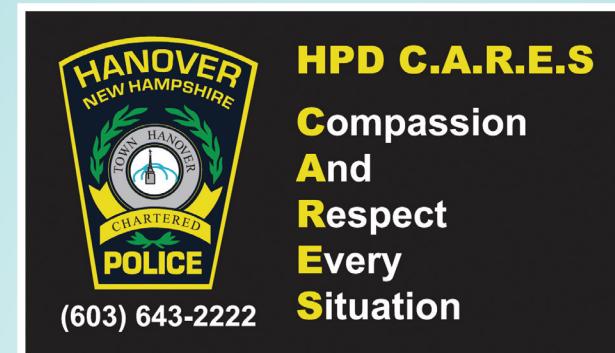
WISE advocates can support you through the reporting process and beyond. Support and advocacy from WISE is confidential, free, and voluntary. Advocates are not part of the criminal system, and can help make sure that your individual needs are met.

WISE can work with you to advocate for your personal interests, and to understand all of your rights and options. WISE has been advocating for survivors of sexual assault in the Upper Valley for nearly 50 years.

You can call them every hour, every day at 866-348-WISE.

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**wise**  
share hope • change lives

## YOU HAVE OPTIONS WHEN REPORTING YOUR SEXUAL ASSAULT



Most people are concerned about whether they will be believed when they report a sexual violence event. Hanover Police are committed to listening to your report and giving you options on how YOU would like to proceed in the legal process.

You will not be judged, turned away or forced to enter a report.



Report a Sexual Assault Confidentially  
by calling 603-643-2222



Report Anonymously  
on-line at  
[www.ReportingOptions.org](http://www.ReportingOptions.org)

# THE HANOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT IS A YHOP CERTIFIED AGENCY

## A message from Chief Dennis...

The Hanover Police Department has long recognized the importance of working with victims, community members, advocacy groups, and our health and prevention organizations. These relationships are crucial during the process of investigating and solving crimes, especially the crime of sexual assault.

Sexual assaults are one of the most under reported crimes in our nation and that must change. To help us meet this critical challenge and bring change, we have chosen to implement the You Have Options Program (YHOP) in the Hanover Police Department. This is a program that is victim-centered and offender-focused.

Our motto is “HPD C.A.R.E.S”. The “CARES” stands for Compassion And Respect in Every Situation. As we continue to demonstrate compassion and respect through our delivery of services, we have implemented this outstanding new program to help us better serve victims of sexual assault. Our participation in this program is our commitment to you, a sexual assault survivor, that you will not only be heard, but will also have your individual concerns addressed during both the reporting and investigative processes.

We strive to treat all members of our Hanover and Dartmouth communities with compassion and respect. By doing so, we believe it established a high level of trust that allows survivors to feel safe, comfortable, and in control while reporting their experience to us. Our officers take each incident very seriously. The person who committed the sexual assault is solely responsible for that assault and one of our jobs as law enforcement officers is to gather evidence to hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

## OPTION 1 INFORMATION ONLY

An Information Only report includes any report of sexual assault where at the reporting party's request no investigative process beyond a victim interview and/or a complete or partial Inquiry into Serial Sexual Assault (ISSA) is completed.

## OPTION 2 PARTIAL INVESTIGATION

A Partial Investigation includes any report of sexual assault where some investigative processes beyond the victim interview and a complete or partial Inquiry into Serial Sexual Assault (ISSA), have been initiated by law enforcement. This may include, but is not limited to, interviewing of witnesses and collection of evidence such as a sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE) kit.

## WE CARE ABOUT YOU... TRUST US WITH YOUR REPORT

## OPTION 3 COMPLETE INVESTIGATION

A Complete Investigation includes any report of sexual assault where all investigative procedures necessary to determine if probable cause exists for a criminal offense have been initiated and completed.



Hanover Police Department is a comfortable environment to report.

