



HANOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHARLES B. DENNIS, CHIEF OF POLICE

MEDIA RELEASE

HANOVER, NH: On December 3rd, the Hanover Police Department received an email from Jake McGrew who witnessed Officer Aaron Frank assisting a motorist with removing a large amount of snow from the roof of her vehicle.

Mr. McGrew indicated that after the officer pulled the vehicle over, he took the time to clean off the car which had “six or seven inches of rock-hard snow.” He went on to express his sincere gratitude for this “beautiful example of community policing. Your officer was seriously going to work on the ice on the top of that car and that was not an easy job.”

Thank you, Mr. McGrew for taking the time to recognize the efforts by one of our officers. Our department prides itself in keeping the community safe and educating the public about Jessica’s Law this time of year. Jessica Smith was killed when ice from a tractor-trailer hit a box truck that ended up hitting her car. Jessica’s Law went into effect in 2002, and it has been part of our mission to ensure that drivers are aware of their obligation to keep the snow and ice off their car rooftops.

Drivers who violate the law can face hefty fines, but the risks to human life are even greater. Drivers found guilty of Negligent Driving under Jessica’s Law (NH RSA 265:79-b) shall be fined no less than \$250 nor more than \$500 for a first offense and not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

Jessica Smith’s mother Linda has been quoted as saying “It takes not even five minutes to clean off your car. It can take three seconds to kill somebody.”

Please take the time to clean off your car.



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