



T.I.P.S



"TIPS AND INFO FOR PUBLIC SAFETY"

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My article this time is going to be a mixture of several items. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at anytime.

Council Member Eric Lammle applied for a Citizen's Corps CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) grant earlier this year. We have been notified that we have been awarded the grant of nearly \$16,000. The grant is a collaborative effort between the New Hope and Crystal Police Departments and West Metro Fire Rescue. New Hope Police will serve as the coordinator for the grant. Later this year, or early next year, we will be recruiting volunteers for this rewarding activity in our communities. More information will be forthcoming. Take a look to see what is available at: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cc/showCouncil.do?id=41330> for the New Hope basic date, <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/> for general information about CERT groups and <http://www.citizencorps.gov/> for general information about the Citizen's Corps program. This is a great program. I hope you and your neighbors will give serious consideration to participating.

Robbinsdale School District, and Cooper and Armstrong High Schools, in collaboration with the New Hope and Plymouth Police Departments are in the process of instituting the Youth Against Crime program. This program is another tool through Crime Stoppers giving students an opportunity to anonymously report information about crimes, threats, planned violence and other information through Text Messaging. The information is forwarded to the School Resource Officer. The SRO, students and school officials work together to prevent and respond to behaviors that threaten teens. We anticipate the system will be operational very soon. For more information go to: <http://www.crimestoppersmn.org/school.aspx>.

The civil defense siren that was located at the Hosterman Middle School site had to be replaced due to the imminent demolition of the building. Intermediate District 287 is purchasing the 10 acre site from Robbinsdale Schools, taking down the existing building for the construction of a new educational center. Purchasing a new siren and pole mount was the most cost effective solution. The new siren is located at 55th & Yukon, close to the old site. It is an improvement in two ways. First, it is 5 decibels louder, increasing the coverage area by 800 feet in all directions. Secondly, it has a battery backup system that will continue operating the siren if electrical power is lost. The Hosterman building hazardous material abatement is complete, with demolition and removal of debris expected very soon. The site will be graded this fall making it "pad ready" for construction in the spring.

The folks living in the area, or those using Bass Lake Road and Winnetka, have been tolerating some mess and inconvenience this summer and fall. Winnetka Avenue included water main, storm and sanitary line projects, curb and sidewalk and bituminous replacement. Bass Lake Road included water main replacement and sanitary repair, curb and sidewalk replacement on the north side. Both projects have been delayed due to the frequent rains experienced this year. The city and contractors are working as quickly as possible to return these roadways to a drivable state.

National Night Out – Minnesota Night to Unite was a rousing success. Thank you to everyone who participated, held neighborhood parties, collected and donated food and school supplies, took the time to discuss neighborhood issues and share your appreciation for the work done on your behalf by the New Hope Police Department, other city staff and volunteers, and elected officials.

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New Flashing Yellow Arrow Traffic Signals Minimize Delays & Improve Safety

According to an article on the MN DOT website,

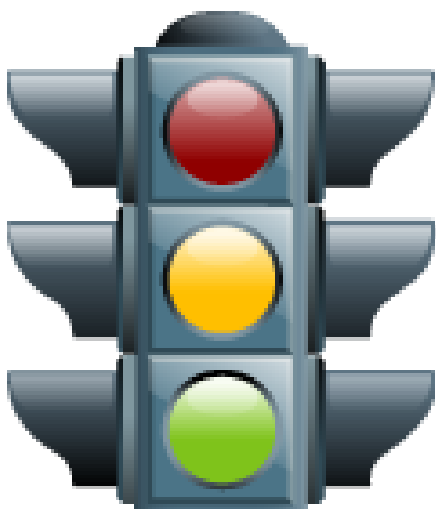
“In December 2009, after extensive testing, the Federal Highway Administration authorized use of flashing yellow arrows nationwide.

A study conducted by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program determined that drivers had fewer crashes with flashing yellow left-turn arrows than with traditional yield-on-green signal configurations.”

Hennepin County plans to install and activate a flashing yellow light at the intersection of Rockford Road (CSAH 9) and Nevada Avenue in New Hope as well as other locations within the county.

Flashing yellow arrow traffic signals will provide the flexibility to restrict left turns for safety during heavy traffic, while still allowing yielding during off-peak conditions. Flashing yellow arrow traffic signals feature a flashing arrow, in addition to the standard red, yellow, and green arrows. When illuminated the flashing yellow arrow allows waiting motorists to make a left-hand turn after yielding to oncoming traffic.

Watch for them at intersections across the country!



Halloween Safety

A news story came out a couple years ago about a child who came home from trick-or-treating and parents found drugs and cash as part of his Halloween treats. (yes that was a MN community—although not New Hope) This was a good reminder of the importance of following a few Halloween Safety Rules to ensure the evening is fun and safe for everyone.

- ◆ Make sure at least one adult goes along with the children out on Halloween.
- ◆ Only go to houses of people you know—if you go to every house in a five mile radius—are the kids really allowed to eat all that candy? You are less likely to get anything dangerous from someone you know.
- ◆ Make sure costumes are safe and comfortable—with safety in mind.
- ◆ It gets darker earlier by the time Halloween arrives. Make sure you consider what you will do to make sure the children are visible to passing cars.
- ◆ Be cautious of using candles to light up pumpkins or other decorations, consider non-flammable lighting.
- ◆ ALWAYS check the treats before children are allowed to eat them. Report any suspicious or dangerous treats to the police department.



Basic rules of pedestrian and personal safety apply:

- ◆ Look both ways before you cross the street.
- ◆ Cross at the crosswalk, not in the middle of the block.
- ◆ Younger children should hold the hand of a parent—so mom and dad stay safe!
- ◆ Be safe, Be SEEN.
- ◆ Don't go into anyone's home without mom or dad's permission.
- ◆ Don't accept a ride from anyone without mom or dad's permission.
- ◆ Don't let anyone inside your own home without mom or dad's permission.
- ◆ Don't run or play in the street.

I could go on, but the message is clear—safety first and fun follows!



INVESTIGATIVE UPDATE



Good news for shoppers in New Hope! On 09/03/2010 the New Hope Police signed a complaint charging a female suspect with Financial Transaction Card Fraud. The female charged would frequent stores in the New Hope area. In all these cases the suspects went into the victim's purse which was sitting in a shopping cart. The victims reported that the conversation they had with suspect was pleasant and they had no idea their property was stolen. By the time the victims contacted the bank, the suspects had already used their credit cards to make purchases. This female also had an accomplice to help her distract and steal from her victims.

Although this woman is in custody, and has been charged, this case is a good reminder to pay close attention to your purse and keep it on your person rather than set it in a shopping cart. The suspect's accomplice is still out in the community. If you know you are going to go shopping just bring the cards you're going to use and keep them in your pocket. A small fanny pack, zipped shut, and attached so the pack is in the front of your body is also a nice alternative.

Detective Williams.

Linkletter

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The recent Labor Day enforcement project unfortunately showed that numerous people continue choosing to drive after consuming alcohol. If you didn't see the article in the Star Tribune, New Hope officers working grant funded extra shifts, along with on duty officers, made 25 DUI arrests, the most of any suburban agency. Not all of these arrests occurred in New Hope, as officers were working other areas as part of the enforcement project, but way too many did. One of the people arrested tested at a .411 blood alcohol level – 5 times the legal limit. Always strive to drive safely by not drinking and driving, wear your seat belt and make certain all riders are secured properly, and don't be a distracted driver. Above all, drive defensively.

Would Police, Fire & Ambulance be able to find you in an emergency?

This is an invitation for you to take a look at your home from a police perspective. The next time you are coming home at night pay close attention to notice whether your house numbers are clearly visible from the street or not. When you call 911 it is usually important that emergency services get to you right away. In the dark it can be very difficult to see house numbers. Some lighting on the front of homes makes it even more difficult to see numbers by causing glare. Make sure your lighting is shielded and directed to light up the numbers, or consider a solar or other creative option. Below are some examples of numbers we would easily spot.



Curfew Reminder

Curfew violations count as suspicious activity! Call 911 to report curfew violations. In doing so, you help keep kids safe and help reduce the risk they will become either a victim or perpetrator of a crime.

Under 12

Sun-Thurs Home by **9:00 p.m.**
Fri/Sat Home by **10:00 p.m.**

12-14

Sun-Thurs Home by **10:00 p.m.**
Fri/Sat Home by **11:00 p.m.**

15-17

Sun-Thurs Home by **11:00 p.m.**
Fri/Sat Home by **MIDNIGHT**



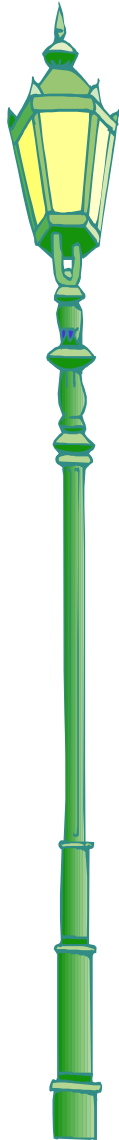
STREET LIGHTS

On National Night Out/Night to Unite there were some questions as to the process of getting a street light installed if a neighborhood feels their street is too dark. If you feel your street is too dark, and have wondered about the possibility of getting an additional streetlight installed, the process is as follows:

First, there is a petition that must be completed and signed by all residents who would be affected by the installation. Second, one of the residents must agree to have the light placed on his/her property, and since the power to feed the proposed new street light usually comes from the backyards, out to the boulevard over a property line, usually both abutting property owners must agree to the proposed site as well. (I am told this is sometimes where the petition dies). Third, The completed petition must be submitted to the Director of Public Works.

Public Works and Xcel will then investigate the request to determine if there is a need and if it is an appropriate site for a light. If both the need and appropriate location exist, Public Works will write NSP and direct them to install the light.

If you would like to petition for a street light you may contact Public Works at 763-592-6777.



New Hope Crime Prevention Fund Fall Bulk Mail Fundraiser

The New Hope Crime Prevention Fund Board will be sending out it's annual fall fundraiser to New Hope residents soon. The mailing and the summer raffle are the two main sources of funding for this non-profit. The Crime Prevention Fund Board supports all of our crime prevention efforts in New Hope, helps to provide training and education for citizens and staff, and also offers rewards and recognition. The New Hope Police would like to thank the Board and all of the past and present donors who help support crime prevention in New Hope!

D.A.R.E.

UPDATE.....

D.A.R.E. has started, as of the first day of school, at Sonnesyn Elementary. These students have begun an important curriculum that will provide them information on the health risks of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and inhalants. They will be practicing the art, that many adults still struggle with, of making good decisions to do what is right and what is healthy for their bodies. They will learn to stand up for themselves and others in difficult situations. A D.A.R.E. Parent Information Night will be scheduled this fall. All D.A.R.E. parents are welcome to attend. Below are some tips that appeared in a recent issue of, "Connections" a new publication from Partnership for Change.

What You Can Do To Help Your Child Stay Away From Drugs?

- Talk openly and often with your child about drugs and alcohol and frequently remind them of your expectations.
- Set clear rules and consequences for your child. If they know your strong feelings against drug and alcohol use they may be more likely to resist in fear of the consequences for getting caught.
- Reward your child for good behavior in school and extracurricular activities, show them that you care about their success and accomplishments.
- Keep track of any prescription or over the counter drugs and alcohol in your home so you notice if any are taken.
- Stay connected with your child even when they are out with friends. Know where they plan to go, who they will be with and have them call you if plans change.

As you can see, communication is key. Clearly communicate your expectations. After years of presenting the DARE curriculum to students I have found if you set clear expectations for children and give them the support they need to be successful, they can and will meet those expectations.

Officer Korth.



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**FALL IS THE
PERFECT TIME FOR
A BLOCK PARTY!**

Before the snow flies, set the date for your annual neighborhood watch meeting. Check out the new burglary prevention video, or get together around the bonfire. Patrol staff are usually available to stop by and answer questions, and are able to spend more time with you and your neighbors than the brief visits on National Night Out. If there is information you would like presented, you need File of Life, or any other support from the Community Services division of the Police Department please give Officer Korth a call at 763-531-5140 or nkorth@ci.new-hope.mn.us.

If you want to wait until it's really cold, a suggestion of a holiday left-over party for neighbors sounds delicious!

**ATTN:
BLOCK CAPTAINS**

**THANKS FOR TAKING THIS
NEWSLETTER OUT TO YOUR
NEIGHBORS!!**

Remember, if there is information from a past newsletter you wish to find, they are now archived on the city of New Hope web site. This copy is also posted in **full-color** online.

**T.I.P.S. Issues and
Crime Maps**

The next issue of TIPS will be out in early 2011. If you have concerns you would like addressed in the newsletter, or would like more information on any topic featured, please contact Officer Korth at 763-531-5140.

**Important
Dates To Remember**

OCTOBER IS CRIME PREVENTION MONTH!

- October 21** **1/2 Pint Safety Camp
K-1st Graders**
- October 23** **Safety Day at Kmart**
- Nov 6 & 30** **Child Passenger Safety
for Child Care Providers**
- December 16** **Sonnesyn
D.A.R.E. Graduation**

****Watch for a notice for Block Captain's Training
early in 2011.****

Visit the city of New Hope web page for an on-line version of the city calendar with meeting dates, city events, recreation programs, recycling information and more. www.ci.new-hope.mn.us



Crime Prevention Tip

If you are on your way shopping, to a local festival, or anywhere it will be difficult to carry your purse or bag, consider a fanny pack. Purses and bags are easy to lose when set down, left on a hook in a restroom, or on the floor of a restaurant. A fanny pack (worn at the front of your body, not on your fanny) can help you hold on to your valuables and also allows your hands to be free! Also, remember to only pack what is needed. No reason to travel with everything you own in that bag. It's much more disturbing to deal with if it is lost. Place keys in your front pocket, that way if you do loose your bag you can still get home!





Fire Prevention Week October 3-9, 2010

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with.

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire a two-day blaze that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 more homeless, and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings, on October 8-9, 1871. This tragedy inspired reform across America, spurring new fire safety codes and public awareness campaigns. This year's national Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on how smoke alarms save lives and in what manner they should be installed and maintained in every home.

Working smoke alarms cut the chances of dying in a fire in half. While almost all homes in the U.S. have at least one smoke alarm, roughly two-thirds of reported home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or with smoke alarms that don't work.

Here are some rules to **live by**:

Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home including the basement.

If the alarm has to be within 20 feet of a cooking appliance, use an ionization smoke alarm.

Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

Replace all smoke alarm batteries at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly.

Smoke alarms should not be installed near the cooking area.

Alarms that run on household current must be installed by a qualified electrician.

Make sure to follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Installing smoke alarms with a recordable voice announcement in addition to the usual alarm sound in your children's bedrooms may help wake them through the use of your familiar voice.

The West Metro Fire-Rescue District is committed to motivating people to install these early warning devices and teaching them how to choose, install and maintain them for maximum protection. This is a beneficial change we can all make happen. If you have any questions on the installation or maintenance of your smoke detectors call (763) 230-7000 or check out our website at www.westmetrofire.com.



Wild Animals



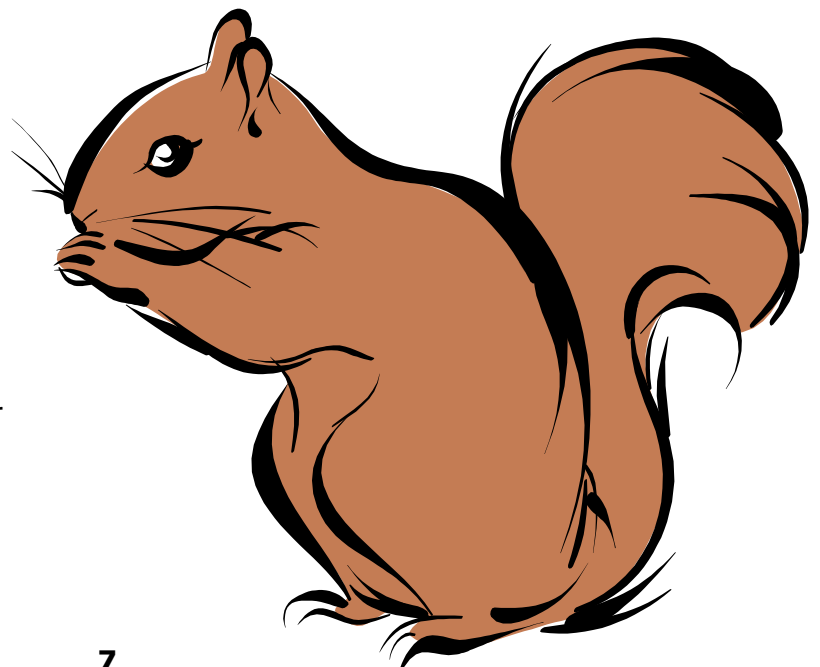
Fall is the time of year when wild animals that prefer dark enclosed areas may seek out a home on your property. There are many techniques that you can use to persuade wild animals to stay away from your property if you do not want them there. Here are just a few techniques that can be used to remove any sources of food or shelter on your property.

- If you have a fireplace, be sure to place secure caps on your chimney and keep the damper closed when not in use.
- Place heavy gauge wire mesh (chicken wire or hardware cloth with one quarter inch mesh) around and under decks, sheds and gardens. The mesh should be buried 6-12 inches and bent in an L-shape with at least eight inches going away from the structure. Be sure not to lock any animals, especially young, in behind the mesh.
- Do not store garbage and recycle bins outside, at least not at night. The odors from these containers will attract animals even if they cannot gain access to the container.
- Place portable grills inside at night. The odor from grilled food will attract animals.
- Remove or relocate wood, brush and compost piles.
- Stack firewood neatly and elevate the stack at least a foot off the ground.
- Do not leave pet food out overnight. Pick up any spilled food.

If you feed birds, try to keep any spilled seed to a minimum. To prevent mammals from accessing the feeders place the pole at least six feet from any surface (ground, deck, tree branch) from which a mammal could jump onto the feeder. Place conical shaped baffles on the feeder pole to prevent a mammal from climbing up to the feeders.

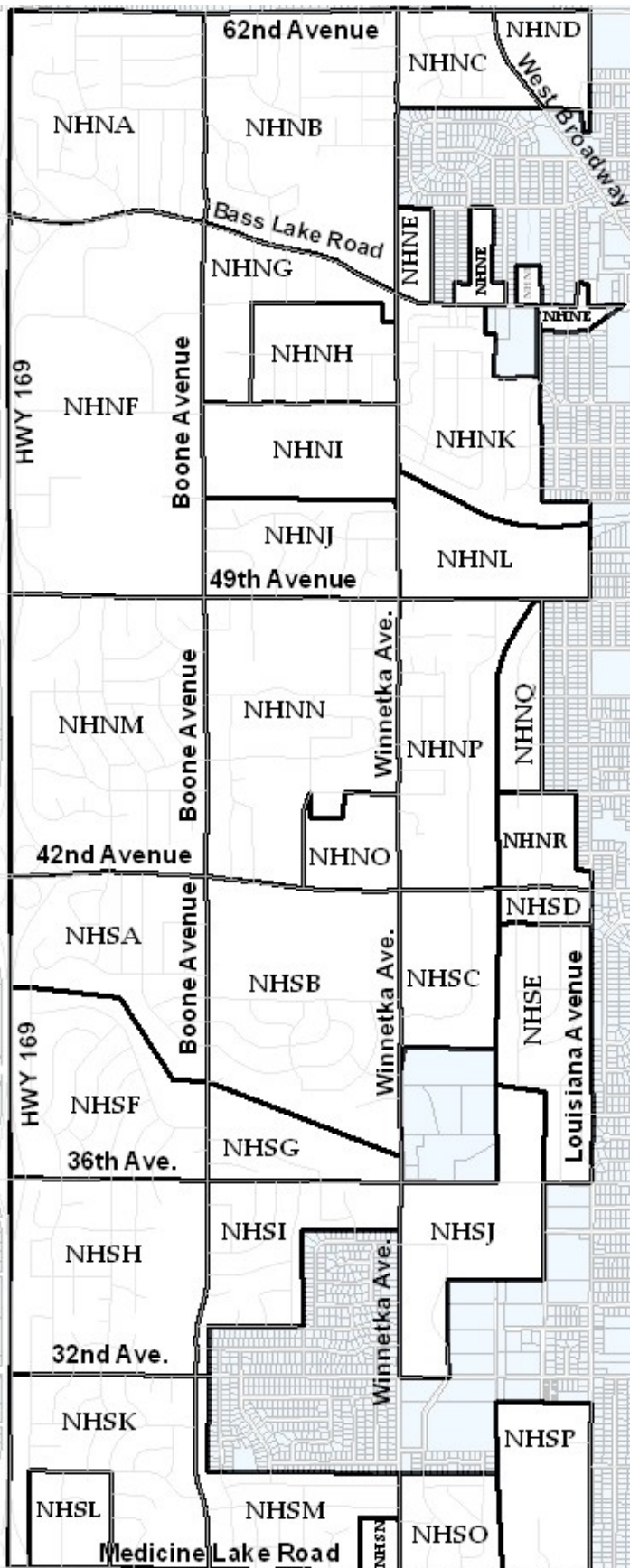
Animal Control can assist you in determining the best strategy for your yard. We will respond as soon as possible to calls if there is a sick or injured animal or if the animal has bitten; please call dispatch at 911 or 763-525-6215 and an officer will be sent to assist. We can also come to your home and offer advice on wildlife related issues. If a wild animal has entered the living space of your home Animal Control may be able to help capture it and release it outside the home or help to chase it back outside.

Please remember that it is illegal to discharge any firearm (including BB and pellet guns), slingshots and bow and arrow within city limits. The use of poisons outside your house is also prohibited. Trapping is not recommended because there is no suitable place to relocate the animal. It is a violation to relocate an animal to a new property without the approval of that property's owner. If trap and relocate is done, and if the actions mentioned above to exclude the animal are not taken, another one will find its way to your property. Excluding them is the best method for long term success.





The crime stats below represent data collected from April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010. You can also find crime stats for New Hope at www.ci.new-hope.mn.us



2ND QUARTER 2010

| Grids | ASSAULT | BURGLARY | DISORDERLY | DRUGS | D.U.I. | ROBBERY | THEFT | VANDALISM | TOTAL 2010 | Total 2009 |
|-------------------|---------|----------|------------|-------|--------|---------|-------|-----------|------------|------------|
| NHNA | 0 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 12 |
| NHNB | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 28 | 25 |
| NHNC | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 9 |
| NHND | 2 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 21 | 18 |
| NHNE | 4 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 3 | 44 | 37 |
| NHNF | 5 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 30 | 14 |
| NHNG | 3 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 8 | 37 | 33 |
| NHNH | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 27 |
| NHNI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| NHNJ | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 7 |
| NHNK | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 8 |
| NHNL | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| NHNM | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 27 | 16 |
| NHNN | 1 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 37 | 4 | 60 | 55 |
| NHNO | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 0 | 30 | 20 |
| NHNP | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 22 | 9 |
| NHNQ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NHNR | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 24 | 18 |
| NHSA | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 16 |
| NHSB | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| NHSC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| NHSD | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 8 |
| NHSE | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| NHSF | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| NHSG | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| NHSH | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 5 |
| NHSI | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 12 | 8 |
| NHSJ | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 20 |
| NHSK | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 |
| NHSL | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 4 | 29 | 12 |
| NHSM | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 11 |
| NHSN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 7 |
| NHSO | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| NHSP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| NHSL | | | | | | | | | | |
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| NHSON | | | | | | | | | | |
| NHSO | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total 2010 | 45 | 37 | 81 | 46 | 38 | 4 | 221 | 72 | 544 | xxx |
| Total 2009 | 66 | 34 | 68 | 33 | 28 | 0 | 156 | 74 | xxx | 459 |