



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. of the Dover Police Department announces Dover Police Department is stringently enforcing the “Hands Free Law” which includes texting while driving. “The safety of motorists and pedestrians is a priority.” said Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr.

During the month of August of 2016, officers have identified 179 violators and issued a total of 153 summonses and 26 warnings. The law has been in effect for more than a year, allowing plenty of time for drivers to adapt and change their habits.

Officers will continue the emphasis on strict enforcement of this statute going forward including around the schools when they open this week.

Strict enforcement of this statute and educating the public are key steps toward changing driver behaviors which will ultimately increase safety.

It is important for the public to be aware that using a mobile electronic device, most often a cell phone, while driving or while stopped in traffic for a traffic control device is a violation of the statute.