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BOW POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY BULLETIN

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

FROM CHIEF KEN MILLER

Congratulations to the Bow High School graduates; we are proud of your accomplishments and the dedication you have shown throughout your educational journeys. As you embark on new chapters of your lives, we wish you the very best of luck in all your future endeavors.

I would also like to acknowledge the students from the middle and elementary schools who will be transitioning to their new schools this fall and extend our best wishes for their continued success and growth.

We are pleased to announce that Officer Seth Guilmette and K9 Hunter have successfully completed their drug detection training this month and are now fully certified in narcotics detection and tracking. Both Officer Guilmette and K9 Hunter are now fully operational and back on patrol, ready to serve and protect our community. Congratulations to Officer Guilmette and K9 Hunter on this well-deserved achievement!

On June 15th, we honor Officer Augustus B. Farmer, who was killed in the line of duty on that day in 1893 while attempting to arrest James Jameson; we remember his bravery and dedication. Although it took 132 years to officially recognize his sacrifice as a Bow Police Officer, we are proud to honor Officer Farmer now and will continue to remember his service in the years to come. Officer Farmer will never be forgotten.

Speeding remains the primary concern expressed by residents throughout town. While many out-of-state drivers pass through our main roadways, the majority of complaints come from residents on secondary streets primarily used for local travel. We respectfully request all community members to follow posted speed limits and traffic laws to promote a safer environment for everyone. The speed display sign will be rotated at various locations across town, and officers will continue to enforce traffic laws both during on-duty patrols and through support from the Office of Highway Safety traffic enforcement grants. We appreciate your cooperation in driving safely and responsibly.

Have a Happy and Safe summer!

Sincerely,

Chief Ken Miller



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K-9 Hunter Graduates Drug School



On June 6, K-9 Officer Guilmette and K-9 Hunter graduated from the eight-week drug detection school, organized by Sgt. Hodgen of the Hillsboro Police Department.

With this new certification, K-9 Hunter is now proficient in obedience, tracking, evidence detection, and drug detection. K-9 Hunter's ability to alert on the presence of illegal drugs will assist officers in articulating and establishing probable cause when applying for search warrants.

The partnership between Officer Guilmette and K-9 Hunter is remarkable, and they consistently engage in training to ensure they perform at their best.

Keep up the great work Ofc. Guilmette and K-9 Hunter!



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**CONGRATULATIONS,
BHS
CLASS OF 2025!**



Best Wishes
& GOOD LUCK!



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Scams - Avoid, Report, Recover

Written By: Officer Joseph Rheaume

The Bow Police Department receives several calls a week from people who have been victimized or from would-be victims of a scam. It's no secret that scammers target the elderly, but more and more we are receiving calls from victims all across the age spectrum. Moreover, it is highly likely that it's not possible to determine how many types of phone scams there are; not to mention text scams, email scams, social media scams, website scams, or in-person scams. The number of scams seemingly grows daily. Of the different types of scams, the most popular seem to be financial scams, identity theft, cybercrime, product and service scams, impersonations, romance scams, and scams involving the mail. One thing that is emerging is the fact that there are so-called "scam factories" or "fraud factories", particularly in Southeast Asia. Without getting into the fine details, the 30-thousand foot view is that transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) kidnap or coerce individuals and then traffic them to parts of Asia where those individuals are held against their will and forced to perpetrate fraudulent scams on victims worldwide. With the proliferation of technology, tech-savvy trafficking victims, and TCOs, there is little, if anything local law enforcement can do to combat these scams. The truth is there is a lot more that would-be victims of these scams can do to protect themselves (although, to be fair, personal information may be sought on the dark web after a data breach, of which victims may be unaware until it is too late).

Here in New Hampshire, the NH Department of Justice Consumer Protection & Antitrust Bureau has resources to assist people in avoiding check and lottery scams, links to the FTC, resources for victims of identity theft, and several other resources, all of which can be found at <https://www.doj.nh.gov/citizens/consumer-protection-antitrust-bureau>. The NH Attorney General's Office offers the following with respect to recognizing that something is a scam:

- 1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.
- 2. Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.
- 3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.
- 4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.





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Scams - Continued



These are the sort of “red flags” people should be on the lookout for in order to recognize a scam. If you suspect that something is a scam, the Attorney General’s Office suggests that you: block unwanted calls and text messages; don’t give out your personal information or financial information in response to a request that you don’t expect; resist the pressure to act immediately; know how scammers tell you to pay (i.e., if they say you can only pay with cryptocurrency, a wire transfer, a payment app, or a gift card); and stop and talk to someone you trust prior to taking any action with respect to giving over financial or identity related information.

Here at the Bow Police Department, we often talk to people who are victims, or people who narrowly avoided being scammed because something just “didn’t feel right”. One piece of advice we repeatedly share is to limit with whom you share your personal information, including contact information, but especially date of birth, address, phone number, and social security number. For those who do become victims, we offer the following advice in all instances:

- Cease contact with the scammer(s) – stop responding no matter the threat, hang up, block the caller or messenger. Do not send any more money. Oftentimes, in order to “hook” someone, scammers will threaten to release information, photos, messages, or the like, putting pressure on the victim to comply. This leads to continued victimization until the victim stops all interactions. In almost all instances, the threatened behavior never materializes.
- Secure your accounts/finances – Immediately contact your financial institution and report the scam. Ask your financial institution to stop any transactions that might be fraudulent or are suspicious in any way. This includes wire transfers, use of a money transfer application on your phone (often linked to a credit or debit card or account), or cryptocurrency. You may not always get your money back, but it is worth contacting the company behind the applications to ask them to reverse the charges. If a credit or debit card was used, we suggest canceling the card and obtaining a new one. At the very least, report any compromised card or account information to your financial institution. Your financial institution may have additional fraud related documentation for you to complete and it is highly recommended you do so.



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· Secure your personal information – If you have given any of your personal information to scammers, you should secure your personal information. You might want to do this as a prophylactic measure in any event. This can be done several ways, but you can go to IdentityTheft.gov to see what steps should be taken. The website will assist you in creating a recovery plan and putting that plan into action. Other things you should do to protect yourself include, but are not limited to, the following:



- Consider freezing your credit;
- Change passwords;
- Place a fraud alert on your credit report with the three major credit bureaus;
- Monitor your credit reports (you are entitled to free credit reports annually);
- Review and monitor statements from your financial institutions.

· Document everything – collect all information and documentary evidence, including emails, messages, transaction records, and any other communications. Consider taking notes contemporaneously with the event, including accents, manner of speaking, time of messages or calls, number of messages or calls, or anything else that stands out. Keep detailed records of interactions with the scammer(s) and include any actions that you have taken as well.

· Report the scam – this can take many forms. If you have been the victim of a scam, where you have actually lost a pecuniary interest, report the scam to your local police department. Your financial institution may require a police report in order to refund or reverse fraudulent charges. You may also consider reporting the scam to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Victims of scams frequently feel embarrassed about becoming a victim, which is an understandable human reaction. However, you should not blame yourself. Scammers are skilled at manipulating people and, as previously stated, are getting more sophisticated as new technology emerges. This is what these people do all day long, every day. In addition to taking the above actions if you've fallen victim to a scam, make the incident a learning point – review the events of the scam and identify the signs, what you could have done differently, and fortify your plan of action in the event you recognize the signs in the future. Take care of your wellbeing and move forward. Again, if you have fallen victim to a scam and you have suffered a pecuniary loss, then please give us a call. If, on the other hand, you only suspect a scam and have lost nothing, then you should take solace in your victory and spread the word to family and friends.



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DRIVE SLOW IN BOW



Bow Police will be utilizing NH Highway Safety grants to increase patrols and strictly enforce the posted speed limits.

Helping make Bow safe starts with you!





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Law of the Month

NH RSA 644:8-aa - Animals in Motor Vehicle

644:8-aa Animals in Motor Vehicle. –

- I. It shall be cruelty to confine an animal in a motor vehicle or other enclosed space in which the temperature is either so high or so low as to cause serious harm to the animal. "Animal" means a domestic animal, household pet, or wild animal held in captivity.
- II. Any person in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor as set forth in RSA 644:8.
- III. Any law enforcement officer or agent of a licensed humane organization may take action necessary to rescue a confined animal endangered by extreme temperatures, and to remove the threat of further serious harm.
- IV. No officer or agent taking action under paragraph III shall be liable for damage reasonably necessary to rescue the confined animal.



VEHICLE TEMPERATURE			
OUTSIDE TEMP (F)	INSIDE TEMP (F)		
	10 MINS	30 MINS	
70°	89°	104°	
75°	94°	109°	
80°	99°	114°	
85°	104°	119°	
90°	109°	124°	
95°	114°	129°	



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MAY 2025 ACTIVITY

ARRESTS	17	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	45
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	877	DIRECTED PATROLS / BUILDING CHECKS	305
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	211	FOLLOW-UP	25
CITATIONS ISSUED	15	OFFENSE REPORT/ INVESTIGATIONS	20
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS	8	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/PERSON	40
ALARMS / 911 HANG-UPS	23	VACANT HOUSE CHECKS	7
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	11	WELFARE CHECK	10
CITIZEN ASSIST	110	OTHER CALLS FOR SERVICE	62

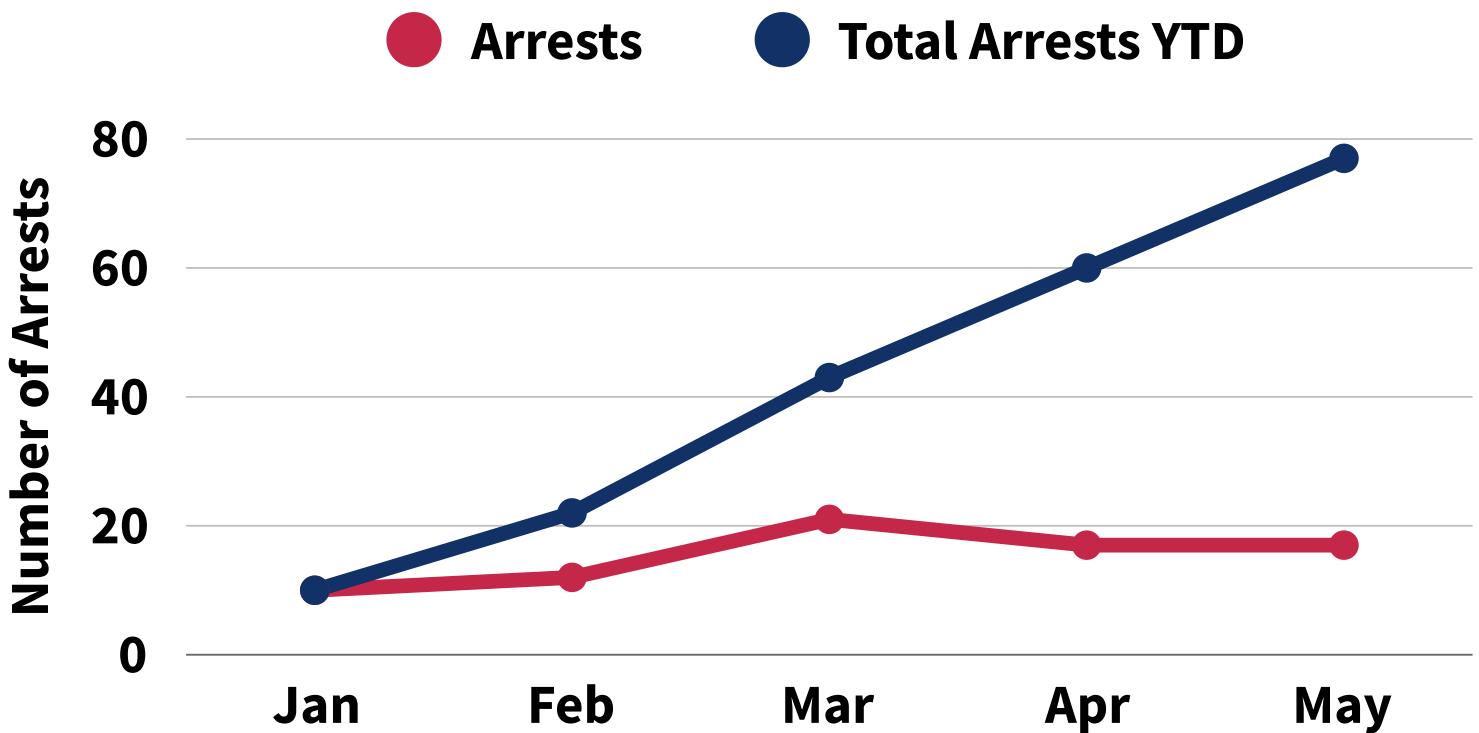


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2025 Arrests





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May 2025

Motor Vehicle Enforcement

Citations

15

Warnings

196

Operate without MC license

1

Inspection/Registration

5

Speed

9



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**\$10,000
SIGN-ON BONUS
FOR CERTIFIED
OFFICERS**

WE ARE HIRING! APPLY TODAY!

Come join a great team of officers with a mission to keep the Town of Bow a safe community!

We are currently hiring for:
Patrol Officer

The Town of Bow Police Department is seeking an intelligent and motivated person who possesses good writing skills, communication skills, likes to work with people to solve community problems, is motivated, and confident to join our team and be involved in a progressive and community-oriented police department.

Compensation and Benefits:

- Wages are based on a nine-step scale, starting at:
 - 07/01/2025: \$60,923.20 - \$74,230.20
 - 07/01/2026: \$62,763.60 - \$76,460.80
 - 07/01/2027: \$64,225.60 - \$78,769.60
- Eleven (11) paid holidays, Medical (w/ Buyout option)
- Dental and life insurance.
- Accrual of annual, sick, and comp time leave.
- Officers work a 4/3 schedule and rotate every three (3) months.
- Participation in Group II of the NH Retirement System.
- Full uniform and equipment provided by the department

How to Apply:

Email Lt. Pratte your resume and cover letter today!
Mpratte@bownhpd.gov



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988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

24/7 CALL, TEXT, CHAT



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergencies: 9-1-1

Dispatch: 603-228-0511

On-Duty Officer: 603-223-3950

PROSECUTION:

Concord City Prosecutor's Office **603-230-4990**

*Violation, Misdemeanor, and Felony arrests

*Motor Vehicle Citations

*Juvenile Hearings

*Administrative License Suspension Hearings

*Felony Probable Cause Hearings

Merrimack County Attorney's Office **603-228-0529**

*Felony Direct Indictments

*Felonies Bound Over to Superior Court



The Bow Police Department is a member of the Concord Regional Crimeline. Anonymous tips about criminal activity may be submitted through the Crimeline by calling (603) 226-3100 or by visiting the website. Cash rewards are available.