

## HOLLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **Press Release**

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Hollis Police Department to participate in Operation Safe Stop October 21, 2019

## Did you know?

- On May 1, 2018, in just 25 communities of New Hampshire, 83 vehicle operators illegally passed a stopped school bus loading or unloading children. This equates to 14,940 such events in a school year.
- In New Hampshire school bus drivers experience motorists illegally passing their bus every day.
- According to NHTSA, 2006-2015, averaged 5 students killed outside the bus annually by drivers illegally passing the stopped school bus.
- Motorists illegally passing stopped school buses are the second leading cause of school transportation fatalities each year.

On Monday, October 21, 2019, State, County, and Local police agencies throughout the State of New Hampshire will be conducting a blanket patrol in a cooperative effort with our School District designed to raise awareness of the dangers of passing a stopped school bus loading/unloading students. This will be an important enforcement activity where police officers will be following school buses on routes identified by the local school district bus drivers as problem areas.

This state-supported, local effort, will involve school districts, police departments, the Governor's office, the Division of Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Safety.