



# H.P.D. Bi-Weekly Newsletter

PUBLIC RELATIONS

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF

This past Tuesday, August 2nd, we celebrated National Night Out in style at the Hobart High School. It was quite the community effort. The School Superintendent, Dr. Peggy Buffington, provided support staff and an awesome venue for the events. The Lake County Sheriff, John Buncich, provided a big thrill for young and old alike, when they landed the helicopter on the soccer field just before dusk. After the rotors stopped spinning, attendees gathered around to see it up close.

Our local K-9 Corp hosted a fastest dog competition in the stadium with participants from Hobart, Griffith, and Lake Station. Hobart K-9 and SRO, Scout, won the fastest dog contest. The K-9 handlers' equipment and latest Dodge Ram trucks were on display for attendees as well.

Our Police and Firefighters were in plentiful attendance and displaying their equipment. The firefighters demonstrated the emergency removal of a roof and doors from a vehicle. And the Northwest Regional SWAT had their MRAP (mine resistant armor plated) vehicle on display that was donated to them from the Department of Defense.



Our Community Athletic Program hosted by the police department with the assistance of local business donors passed out free back to school supplies to the school age children. But in their minds it was still summer, and they were running about having a good time. Special Events for the City hired a local youth band, Code Names, to play music all night, and Mayor Brian Snedecor provided the fireworks display.



Several other organizations from the community helped make it a success. It is certainly an event to look forward to next year. It is always the first Tuesday evening in August. I want to send out a huge thank you to all the city staff, school staff, and community volunteers who helped make it a success.

*Chief Rick Zormier*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **School Bus Safety**

School buses are one of the safest forms of transportation on the road. All 50 states have a law that it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus. Riding a school bus is 13 times safer than a passenger vehicle.

### **Driver Tips:**

Never pass a school bus that is stopped. Stop your car far enough away, at least 10 feet, from the bus to allow children to enter and exit the bus. Never pass a school bus on the right.

### **Kids Tips:**

Always wear your seatbelt. Wait for the bus to stop before approaching it. Do not move around the bus. Make sure you walk where you can see the bus driver and they can see you.



## **SCAM, TOO**



What's worse than losing money to a scammer? Losing more money to another scammer claiming to help you recover from the first one.

Yes, this really happens. It works like this: Con artists contact you because you're on their lists of people who lost money to scams. For a "small fee" or "donation" upfront, they promise to recover the money you lost from a prize scheme, bogus product offer, or some other scam.

Sometimes, they try to get you to contact them by putting their offers of "help" in the comments section of blog posts or online articles about scams. Some crooks claim to be from a government agency to appear trustworthy. Others pretend to be actual victims who got (supposed) help from some (fake) agency or company. But it's all just a scam too, another way for a scammer to profit from your loss. They're after your money, and if you share your payment information, they've got it.

Here's how you can avoid these recovery scams:

1. **Don't pay upfront for a promise.** Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things like help with recovering from a scam. Consider it a no-go if they ask you for money before they provide any "help".
1. **Don't send money or give out personal information** in response to an unexpected text, phone call, or email.
1. **Do online searches.** Type the name or contact information into your favorite search engine with the term "complaint" or "scam."

**Sign up for the FTC's free scam alerts at [ftc.gov/scams](http://ftc.gov/scams)** for the latest tips and advice about scams. And if you find yourself scammed after being scammed, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-382-4957.

### **The IRS doesn't want your iTunes cards**

If anyone tells you to buy iTunes cards to pay the IRS, qualify for a grant, get a loan or bail out a family member, say NO! They're trying to scam you. The only place to use an iTunes card is at the iTunes store, to buy online music, apps or books.

People have told the FTC about scammers who called and demanded iTunes cards as payment. Bogus IRS agents told people they owed back taxes and would be arrested soon, unless they bought an iTunes card and gave the code to the agent. Phony government grant officers called and promised a big payout, **after** the person bought an iTunes card and read the code to the grant officer. Other fraudsters told people their grandkids were in jail and the only way to help was, you guessed it, to buy an iTunes card and read the code over the phone. All the stories were false.

There's a reason scammers insist on getting iTunes cards: Once you tell a scammer the code from the back of an iTunes card, he takes control of the value on the card. He can use the code or sell it. After a person redeems the code, you can't get your money back.

If you gave someone the code from an iTunes card and you think it was a scam, call Apple Support at 1-800-275-2273 right away (you may have to spend some time on hold). Tell them what happened and ask if they can disable the card. Also, go back to the store that sold you the card and talk with their customer service staff. And if you hear from someone who wants you to send an iTunes card, please call the Federal Trade Commission.

### **National Night Out**

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's National Night Out at the high school. We appreciate our sponsors, volunteers, and continued support, which makes this event able to continue every year. The donations we received helped make the night a true success!



#### **Our Sponsors:**

**School City of Hobart**  
**City of Hobart**  
**Hobart Police Department**  
**Hobart Fire Department**  
**Cagney's, 236 Main St. Hobart, IN**

**Kellens Florist, 342 Main St. Hobart, IN**  
**Hobart Subway, 1403 S. Lake Park Ave. Hobart, IN**  
**Reese Funeral Home, 600 W. Old Ridge Rd. Hobart, IN**  
**Target Department Store, 2661 U.S. Hwy 30 Merrillville, IN**  
**::clickdesign::, ThisIsClickDesign.com Hobart, IN**  
**J&J's Pizza Shack, 1601 W. Old Ridge Rd. Hobart, IN**

## **HOBART POLICE BLOTTER July 18, 2016 - July 31, 2016, 283 Citations, 70 Traffic Accidents, 13 Warrant Arrests, 8 K-9 Usage, 20 Shoplifting Incidents, 25 Ordinance Violations, 29 Animal Complaints, 1 Medical Incidents, 6 Driving Impaired, and 1133 Calls For Service**

07/18, 1:52am, Domestic Disturbance, 900 block E. 37th Ave., verbal altercation

07/18, 3:19am, Suicide Attempt, 0 block E. 3rd St., report taken

07/18, 9:33am, Criminal Mischief, 1200 block Garfield St., four tires slashed on vehicle

07/18, 12:35pm, Fraud, 300 block N. California St., fraudulent website

07/18, 1:25pm, Burglary, 100 block Victor Dr., forced entry to residence

07/18, 5:30pm, Theft, Police Station Report, theft of several items from subjects garage

07/18, 6:15pm, Harassment, Police Station Report, harassment from known subject

07/18, 6:42pm, Battery, 100 block E. Old Ridge Rd., report taken

07/18, 7:55pm, Domestic Disturbance, 400 block Woodland Ct., verbal altercation

07/18, 10:05pm, Runaway Juvenile, 2100 block Warren St., juvenile located

07/19, 12:03am, Drugs, 600 block N. Union St., subject issued summons

07/19, 1:34am, Battery, 2900 block W. 49th Ave., report taken

07/19, 8:09am, Battery, 700 block Fleming St., subject arrested

07/19, 1:10pm, Theft, 2300 block Southlake Mall, female subject arrested

07/19, 1:13pm, Threats, 900 block W. 37th Ave., threats from known subject

07/19, 2:17pm, Battery, Police Station Report, report taken

07/19, 2:50pm, Fraud, 7700 block E. 37th Ave., prescription fraud

07/19, 2:54pm, Harassment, 2500 block S. Hansen Blvd., harassing text from known subject

07/19, 4:46pm, Theft, 1900 block Southlake Mall, vehicle broken into/theft of several items

07/19, 4:51pm, Disturbance, 100 block Victor Dr., subject transported to hospital

07/19, 5:40pm, Fraud, Southlake Mall, fraudulent sale of cell phone

07/19, 6:19pm, Theft, 2500 block Southlake Mall, Showplace, vehicle window broken/theft of several items

07/19, 6:24pm, Theft, Police Station Report, theft of a 4-wheeler

07/19, 11:57pm, Disturbance, 1800 block Mississippi St., subject arrested

07/20, 1:48am, Domestic Disturbance, 7700 block Clay St., subject arrested

07/20, 10:07am, Disturbance, 300 block N. Clark St., subject issued trespass warning

07/20, 10:30am, Theft, 3500 block N. Hobart Rd., Duke of Oil, theft of US currency

07/20, 12:17pm, Harassment, 1700 block E. 80th Ave., Sprint Store, report taken

07/20, 1:05pm, Theft, 3800 block Parker St., theft of cell phone case

07/20, 4:31pm, Sex Offense, 1900 block Southlake Mall, no description

07/20, 4:53pm, Fraud, Police Station Report, fraudulent charges on debit card

07/20, 6:49pm, Domestic Disturbance, 0 block N. Wilson St., altercation between known subjects

07/20, 9:37pm, Domestic Disturbance, 8500 block Sedge Dr., subject arrested

07/21, 5:50am, Theft, 200 block Crestwood Dr., theft of raccoon cage

07/21, 6:44am, Criminal Mischief, W. 61st Ave. & S. Wisconsin St., window broken out of construction equipment

07/21, 10:03am, Disturbance, 1600 block E. 37th Ave., Walgreens, theft of alcohol

07/21, 11:05am, Burglary, 4000 block Missouri St., forced entry to residence

07/21, 11:41am, Domestic Disturbance, 500 block S. Joliet St., subject transported to hospital

07/21, 12:43pm, Domestic Disturbance, 1500 block S. Lake Park Ave., no description

07/21, 2:00pm, Fraud, 200 block Fox Trail Ct., fraudulent charges on debit card

07/21, 4:34pm, Fraud, 2400 block E. 79th Ave., Best Buy, fraudulent purchase of cell phones

07/21, 9:14pm, Domestic Disturbance, 500 block N. Guyer St., subject arrested

07/22, 1:32am, Drugs, E. 37th Ave. & N. Lake Park Ave., subject issued summons

07/22, 7:34am, Threats, 800 block W. 37th Ave., threats from known subject

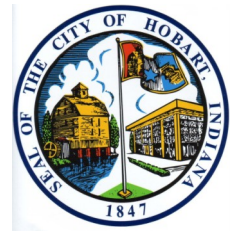
07/22, 7:53am, Criminal Mischief, 300 block N. Wabash St., window on vehicle broken

07/22, 10:34am, Theft, 400 block N. Washington St., theft of keys

07/22, 1:53pm, Threats, 700 block S. Wisconsin St., threats through phone

07/22, 5:15pm, Drugs, 37th Ave. & I65, subject arrested

07/22, 6:22pm, Threats, 600 block W. 37th Ave., threats made by known subject





**Police Blotter Continued**

07/22, 7:28pm, Criminal Mischief, 100 block E. Old Ridge Rd., soap pored into fountain  
07/22, 8:05pm, Disturbance, 700 block N. Hobart Rd., verbal altercation  
07/22, 9:15pm, Harassment, 400 block S. Lasalle St., harassing phone calls from known subject  
07/22, 10:03pm, Domestic Disturbance, 900 block Starboard Ct., verbal altercation  
07/23, 2:46am, Drugs, W. Old Ridge Rd. & N. Liverpool Rd., subject arrested  
07/23, 6:13am, Criminal Mischief, 3300 block Randolph St., building and vehicle spray painted  
07/23, 9:18am, Threats, 700 block S. Wisconsin St., threats made by known subject  
07/23, 12:50pm, Death Investigation, 2900 block W. 38th Pl., deceased female subject  
07/23, 1:12pm, Fight, E. 2nd St. & Main St., road rage incident  
07/23, 2:03pm, Threats, 800 block W. 10th St., Hobart Pool, three subjects trespassed  
07/23, 8:52pm, Theft, 2200 block Southlake Mall, Macy's, theft of wristlet  
07/23, 9:33pm, Battery, 300 block N. Wabash St., altercation between known subjects  
07/24, 12:01am, Domestic Battery, 1100 block W. 42nd Ave., no description  
07/24, 10:27am, Criminal Mischief, 1200 block Garfield St., tires slashed on vehicle  
07/25, 1:03am, Criminal Mischief, 100 block E. Old Ridge Rd., bubbles located in fountain  
07/25, 1:31am, Public Intoxication, 1600 block E. 37th Ave., subject arrested  
07/25, 11:23am, Theft, 1400 block Independence Dr., fraudulent use of debit card by known subject  
07/25, 11:31am, Theft, 800 block Georgianna St., theft of cell phone and credit cards  
07/25, 3:09pm, Drugs, 100 block E. Old Ridge Rd., report taken  
07/25, 5:09pm, Harassment, Police Station Report, harassment by known subject  
07/25, 7:11pm, Domestic Disturbance, 100 block Neringa St., subject arrested  
07/25, 7:35pm, Juvenile Problem, 100 block E. Old Ridge Rd., no description  
07/26, 4:17am, Runaway Juvenile, 1700 block Capital Dr., juvenile located  
07/26, 7:34am, Domestic Disturbance, 200 block Henry St., report taken  
07/26, 8:27am, Theft, 2000 block Dogwood Trl., theft of rims from vehicle  
07/26, 8:47am, Disturbance, 2000 block E. Rand St., report taken  
07/26, 9:07am, Criminal Mischief, 8300 block Aster Dr., window broken out of vehicle  
07/26, 11:51am, Disturbance, 700 block S. Wisconsin St., subjects issued trespass warnings  
07/26, 1:39pm, Fraud, 1200 block W. 38th Pl., scam lottery letter  
07/26, 3:03pm, Theft, Southlake Mall, theft of cell phone  
07/26, 4:20pm, Theft, 5000 block E. Lincoln Hwy., Vision Point, theft of sunglasses  
07/26, 6:26pm, Battery, 300 block N. Wabash St., no description  
07/26, 6:38pm, Criminal Mischief, 1900 block Northwind Pkwy., tires slashed on vehicles  
07/26, 7:33pm, Fraud, 1800 block Southlake Mall, JCPenny, counterfeit US currency  
07/26, 7:33pm, Disturbance, 100 block N. Washington St., verbal altercation  
07/26, 10:29pm, Sex Offense, 1300 block S. California St., no description  
07/27, 12:53am, Battery, 1400 block W. 37th Ave., report taken  
07/27, 10:02am, Burglary, 0 block E. 8th St., theft of hand tools  
07/27, 11:39am, Disturbance, 500 block E. 37th Ave., subject arrested  
07/27, 12:56pm, Drugs, 6300 block Mississippi St., subject issued summons  
07/27, 4:30pm, Theft, 1800 block Southlake Mall, damage to lock on vehicle/theft of clothing  
07/27, 4:40pm, Drugs, N. Lake Park Ave., subject issued summons  
07/27, 4:59pm, Fraud, 200 block Main St., fraudulent bank account  
07/27, 5:33pm, Theft, 1900 block Southlake Mall, damage to keyhole on vehicle/theft of guitar  
07/27, 6:09pm, Domestic Disturbance, 2700 block Cleveland Ave., verbal altercation between known subjects  
07/27, 7:18pm, Battery, 1600 block Southlake Mall, no description  
07/27, 8:25pm, Missing Person, 3800 block E. 34th Ln., subject located  
07/28, 3:29am, Theft, 2000 block Dogwood Trl., theft of tires on vehicle  
07/28, 6:15am, Domestic Disturbance, 1200 block W. 7th Pl., altercation known subjects  
07/28, 7:11am, Overdose, 200 block N. Delaware St., no description  
07/28, 7:22am, Domestic Disturbance, 100 block S. Virginia St., subject trespassed  
07/28, 1:46pm, Child in Need of Services, 1500 block S. Lake Park Ave., no description

**Police Blotter Continued**

07/28, 2:12pm, Theft, 1600 block Minnesota St., theft of several items from vehicle  
 07/28, 4:40pm, Threats, 700 block Cleveland Ave., no description  
 07/28, 5:18pm, Theft, 2600 block E. 79th Ave., Burlington, internal theft  
 07/28, 6:40pm, Intoxication, S. Wisconsin St., & W. 3rd St., subject arrested  
 07/28, 7:04pm, Theft, 1500 block S. Lake Park Ave., theft of purse  
 07/29, 6:46am, Burglary, 9300 block E. 37th Ave., theft of tools from work trailer  
 07/29, 9:07am, Criminal Mischief, 1700 block E. 57th Ave., windows to barn broken out  
 07/29, 3:19pm, Intoxication, 600 block E. 3rd St., no description  
 07/29, 3:46pm, Drugs, 2600 block E. 81st Ave., no description  
 07/29, 4:04pm, Threats, Police Station Report, report taken  
 07/29, 5:13pm, Harassment, Police Station Report, report taken  
 07/29, 6:26pm, Theft, 2000 block Southlake Mall, theft of several items  
 07/29, 6:46pm, Theft, 8300 block Aster Dr., theft of radio from vehicle  
 07/29, 6:53pm, Domestic Battery, 1600 block E. 32nd Ave., report taken  
 07/29, 7:28pm, Drugs, E. 3rd St. & S. Linda St., subject arrested  
 07/29, 8:01pm, Juvenile Problem, 2600 block E. 79th Ave., no description  
 07/29, 10:05pm, Trespassing, 4600 block E. 81st Ave., two subjects trespassed from residence  
 07/29, 10:23pm, Domestic Battery, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., verbal altercation  
 07/29, 10:45pm, Drugs, 8100 block E. 37th Ave., no description  
 07/29, 11:12pm, Missing Person, 100 block E. Old Ridge Rd., subject located  
 07/30, 1:36am, Fight, 200 block Main St., no description  
 07/30, 12:55pm, Disturbance, 200 block Brandt Pl., verbal altercation  
 07/30, 2:04pm, Threats, 7800 block E. 37th Ave., threats from known subject  
 07/30, 4:10pm, Fraud, 3800 block W. 37th Ave., no description  
 07/30, 4:28pm, Theft, 3000 block McAfee Dr., theft of sub woofers from vehicle  
 07/30, 5:05pm, Theft, 500 block Pheasant Run Dr., theft of sub woofers from vehicle  
 07/30, 7:00pm, Juvenile Problem, E. 3rd St. & Main St., no description  
 07/30, 8:15pm, Theft, 2000 block Southlake Mall, theft of wallet  
 07/31, 12:29am, Disturbance, 1000 block E. 5th St., known subjects in altercation  
 07/31, 1:15am, Drugs, W. 3rd St. & S. Wisconsin St., subject arrested  
 07/31, 7:41am, Criminal Mischief, 200 block N. Cavender St., solar lights missing from residence  
 07/31, 11:32am, Domestic Disturbance, 300 block N. Guyer St., verbal altercation  
 07/31, 1:19pm, Criminal Mischief, 1800 block Southlake Mall, vehicle rummaged through  
 07/31, 5:20pm, Battery, 2300 block Southlake Mall, no description  
 07/31, 5:44pm, Domestic Disturbance, 100 block N. Guyer St., verbal altercation  
 07/31, 8:58pm, Death Investigation, 600 block Lincoln St., deceased male subject  
 07/31, 10:09pm, Runaway Juvenile, 100 block S. Ash St., report taken  
 07/31, 11:09pm, Disturbance, 800 block E. 12th St., verbal altercation

**Found Property**July 20, 2016

Three Bikes Found  
 Southlake Mall

Questions in regards to found property please call:  
 942-1125 Ext. 1067

July 24, 2016

Two Keys Found  
 Community Center Festival Park



**Arrests 07/18–07/31 All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law**

Esther Bowen, 49, Domestic Battery, Merrillville, IN  
 Cassandra O. Brown, 28, Arrest Warrant, Lake Station, IN  
 Ryan M. Charleston, 34, Arrest Warrant, Hobart, IN  
 Jestus L. Fayne, 21, Possession of Marijuana, Milwaukee, WI  
 Tina M. Floore, 42, Arrest Warrant, Hammond, IN  
 Olivia M. Foster, 18, Theft, Valparaiso, IN  
 Gezzell M. Garcia, 48, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN  
 Robert L. Gaskin, 45, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN  
 Chris Georgieff III, 34, Battery, Hobart, IN  
 Julian A. Gonzalez, 23, Multiple Charges, Hobart, IN  
 Michael A. Hegwood, 54, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN  
 Damon L. James, 47, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN  
 Montrell V. Jenkins, 23, Arrest Warrant, Lafayette, IN  
 Ronald L. Moldovan, 43, Battery, Lake Station, IN  
 Martha P. Ortega, 42, Theft, East Chicago, IN  
 Joseph B. Pullen, 20, Theft, Crown Point, IN  
 Charity N. Rios, 32, Theft, Lake Station, IN  
 Heather A. Romero, 28, Public Indecency, Hobart, IN  
 Jasmine Shughoury, 19, Theft, Chicago, IL  
 Rafael L. Diaz, 20, Theft, Dyer, IN  
 Laura R. Glover, 34, Theft, Gary, IN  
 Miguel Lagunas, 21, Operating While Intoxicated, Hobart, IN

Kenneth M. Paciorek, 35, Multiple Charges, Merrillville, IN  
 Judith N. Taylor, 35, Theft, Gary, IN  
 Cortez L. Warmack, 32, Operating While Intoxicated, Gary, IN  
 Mathew F. Yniguez, 31, Possession of Marijuana, Valparaiso, IN  
 Takia L. Avant, 41, Domestic Battery, Hobart, IN  
 Taylor M. Drzich, 22, Theft, Munster, IN  
 Katie L. Hunt, 25, Public Intoxication, Hobart, IN  
 Jennifer F. Lopez, 51, Theft, Crown Point, IN  
 Keith B. McCoy, 42, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN  
 Ronald L. Moldovan, 43, Battery, Lake Station, IN  
 Karissa M. Shain, 29, Arrest Warrant, Hobart, IN  
 Shamika M. Vann, 23, Theft, Chicago, IL  
 Marcus D. White, 31, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN  
 Dennis W. Wilson, 61, Operating While Intoxicated, Lake Station, IN  
 Azarria C. Wynn, 18, Poss. of Controlled Substance, Hobart, IN  
 Sara M. Hosch, 18, Possession of Marijuana, Hobart, IN  
 Anthony J. Iatarola, 26, Operating While Intoxicated, Valparaiso, IN  
 Marvil T. Johnson, 23, Theft, Merrillville, IN  
 Anthony P. Navakas, 20, Operating While Intoxicated, Hobart, IN  
 Carl A. Smith, 18, Possession of Marijuana, Gary, IN  
 Kathy J. Tucker, 47, Theft, Chesterton, IN

**9 Juveniles Arrested****Code Enforcement Section-Sgt. Ron Russo**

Hello All,

I don't know about everyone else, but I think this summer has been spectacular so far. The hot dry conditions have significantly decreased our high grass complaints, that coupled with some additional personnel helping out has allowed Code Enforcement to stay caught up on all complaints coming in, and I am happy to say that as of this letter there is only a few day lag before we are able to address a complaint when it comes in. Last year at this time the delay was about 1.5-2 weeks!

For this week's newsletter I'd like to address our dog at large ordinance. I have been getting a lot of calls regarding dog's at large lately for some reason. HMC 90.24 is the ordinance that governs dogs running at large and it states: In addition to the offenses prescribed in other sections of this chapter which may apply, it is unlawful for any person owning, possessing, keeping, harboring or having control of any dog within the city: (A) To allow the dog to run at large or to walk upon any public or private property (1) unless such property is owned or lawfully possessed by such person and is equipped with fences of sufficient height and strength to confine the dog and prevent its exit from the confinement by jumping or collision with the fence; or the dog is humanely tethered by a cable, line or chain the length of which shall not allow the dog to reach any public street, driveway, sidewalk or adjacent property at any time; or (2) the dog is under the control of a person of suitable age and discretion at all times, on a leash, the length of which does not exceed 15 feet whether coiled in a spring-loaded appliance or not. This means that even if you have a dog upon your own property, if there is no fence (like in the front yard), you still must have the dog tethered or on a leash.

Additionally, some people believe an electric "fence" or barrier is adequate to satisfy the statute, but it really is not, as dogs could still defeat this "fence" by colliding with the perimeter and escaping to a distance where the shock collar is not effective.

Also something important to note is the fine that could be imposed if your dog were to bite a person or another animal. HMC 90.99 states: (A) Any person, business or other organization who owns, possesses, keeps, harbors or has control of any dog which is found to have committed an unprovoked attack within the meaning and intent of §90.23 of this chapter, shall be liable for the following penalty: (1) In cases in which the attack was made on a human, the sum of \$2,500.00 (2) In cases in which the attack was made on a domestic animal, a sum not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$2,500.00. This means that if a person is found guilty of owning, possessing, keeping, harboring, or controlling a dog that commits an unprovoked attack upon another person, the guilty party MUST be fined \$2500.00. And if the attack is upon another animal the guilty party MUST be fined at least \$500.00. I understand that most people believe their dogs are not aggressive and would never hurt anyone or thing; however, there is always the chance it could happen - and if it does the penalty is steep.

Usually when a call of dog at large comes into my office I respond to the address where the purported offending animal lives. I advise the owner of the ordinance, and let them know any further violations will result in a citation being issued to the Hobart City Court. I also request that the complainant take photographs or video of future violations and forward them to me so a citation can be issued. Rarely do I have to issue a citation. In the cases of a dog attack, the victim should call 911 immediately and have an officer respond. The responding officer will then take the appropriate actions when he/she arrives on scene, then forward that information to me.

I hope everyone is having a great summer!

Sgt. Ronald Russo



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