



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A BELL NOT A BANG

In partnership with the Hampton Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, The Urban League of Hampton Roads and the Hampton Police Division are asking the citizens of Hampton to participate in a campaign of celebrating the 2014 New Year with the theme, “RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A BELL NOT A BANG”.

The City of Detroit initiated this campaign after a 47-year-old woman was shot and killed inside of her residence on December 31, 1997 after a celebratory new year’s action went tragically wrong. We are asking citizens of Hampton to celebrate the 2014 New Year safely and with caution. As the countdown to the 2014 New Year approaches the Hampton Police Division encourages its citizens to participate in this campaign by ringing a bell rather than utilizing a firearm and discharging rounds into the air; **WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN.**

The Hampton Police Division would like to remind citizens that Discharging a Firearm within city limits is considered a Class 1 Misdemeanor and is punishable by either/both confinement in jail for not more than twelve months and a fine of not more than \$2,500.00.

We would like to thank the Hampton Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, The Urban League of Hampton Roads and members of the First Baptist Church for their support in this endeavor.



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