



# City of Concord, New Hampshire

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Interim Chief of Police

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Steven R. Smagula – Deputy Chief of Police  
**Re:** Authorization to Accept Donation of Gifts Totaling \$1,980.00  
**Date:** 2/2/2026

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the acceptance and expenditure of donations to the Concord Police Department cited below for the purpose indicated:

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Merrimack County Savings Bank	(2) Skim Scan and (2) Skim Swipe devices	Fraud detection CPD use only
	<b>Donation Total: \$1,980.00</b>	

### Background

1. Funds are requested to be expended under the authority established pursuant to Resolution #8120, adopted December 10, 2007.
2. The purpose of the gifts listed above is consistent with and presents no conflict or obstacle to, the accomplishment of City Council goals, the Code of Ordinances, or the operating functions of the Concord Police Department.

### Discussion

Recently, the Concord Police Department opened multiple fraud investigations involving illegal “skimming” where illegal electronic card reader devices were installed on ATM machines and other electronic payment locations in order to gain private financial information such as bank account and PIN code information. Eventually, when the fraudster recovers the skimming device, the financial information is used to recode blank magnetic strip card which is a clone of the victim’s original bank card. The fraudster is then able to use this card to illegally withdraw funds.

The Merrimack County Saving Bank would like to would like to partner with the Concord Police Department to help combat this type of fraud. The Merrimack County Savings Bank will provide funding for the purchase of skimming device detectors that will be gifted to the Concord Police Department who will use them within the City of Concord to help combat localized fraud.

Cc: City Manager  
Deputy City Manager for Finance  
City Clerk

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