

Press Release

The Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department reminds residents about a program to assist seniors living in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Having seniors in our community that do not have family or friends checking up on them regularly led the police department to develop the “Senior Citizen Emergency Watch Program”. The program was activated during Sunday’s storm and all participants were contacted by phone or a visit from a patrol officer to verify they were safe.

This program allows the police department to document in a computer database the names of senior citizens, where they reside, and important contact information. In addition, information concerning potential special needs during an unusual inclement weather event or natural disaster will be on file. Police officers will be assigned to make home visits as manpower and circumstances permit, to see if the senior citizen is in need of any special assistance, particularly if we are not able to make contact with participants.

Many times police are called to check on a senior citizen’s welfare and there is no answer at the door. The Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department is committed to making contact with the resident and at times officers have to force entry into the residence. By filling out the “Senior Citizen Emergency Watch Program” contact form with emergency names and contact telephone numbers, police officers can first contact someone to see if they know of a reason the senior citizen may not be answering the door.

Emergency contact information is also vital in the event a senior citizen is ill or has fallen and has to be taken to a hospital. The designated contact person(s) can be notified and answer important medical information.

Senior citizens or their relatives and friends are encouraged to fill out the contact form. You may obtain a form through the Town of Poughkeepsie Town Clerk, Recreation Department or at police headquarters.

If you or someone you know is a candidate for this program, you may also contact P.O. Gary Hulbert, Community Policing Officer, at 845-790-4628, or download an application from the police departments website, www.townpolice.net . Participation in this program is completely voluntary.

Forms are to be completed and returned to:
The Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department
Attn: Community Policing
19 Tucker Drive
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603