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SENIOR WATCH PROGRAM

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According to the latest census statistics, more than 12% of the US Population is age 65 or older. That is 40 million Americans. Braceville Township, Trumbull County Ohio, is no stranger to this trend. In fact, its sizeable elderly population has sparked a need for this program that is devoted specifically to its residents. The Braceville Township Trustees have sponsored the "Braceville Township Senior Watch Program" mainly for the benefit of its senior citizens, as well. Shut-ins, wheelchair bound or SSI recipients are some examples; but others may benefit.

Program members or clients can sign up for the programs by filling out an application. This application can be obtained at the Braceville Township Police Department or via the Township website. (www.bracevilletownship.com/departments/police). The application asks for pertinent information and requests the client to choose which program they would like to be enrolled in. The least intrusive programs is the "Elderly Call" and the most comprehensive is the "Senior Watch".

The "Elderly Call" program is where the senior citizen is part of our "elderly call" list. On Monday through Friday and/or Saturday, an officer from the Police Department will call the "client's homes" to check on their welfare. If no contact is made an officer will be sent to the home to check on their welfare.

The "Senior Watch" program is for seniors who may need our help more than others. These seniors may not have family to check on them or provide assistance. The Police Department or a designated volunteer would visit the client once a week (or more) to check on their welfare.

Once the application is forwarded to the Police Department, it would be entered in our database and a schedule would be set for the client based on the program selected. As part of the application process, a "site evaluation" of the client's home would be completed by the Police Department official. This evaluation would help determine any safety concerns or any special requirements needed at the residence.

Braceville Township believes in a "neighbor helping neighbor" concept and that's why the "Braceville Township Senior Watch Program" calls for neighborhood volunteers to assist with our programs. The volunteers have signed on to help us help our seniors. Our volunteers have to undergo a thorough background check and receive training in elderly needs and assessments. Through our volunteers, we will strengthen our relationships between neighbors and neighborhoods.

SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR SENIOR WATCH RECIPIENTS BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

- *Weekly telephone call to check Welfare
- *Residential Welfare Check (If needed an Officer is dispatched to your residence to check on you)
- *Vial of Life to keep in refrigerator (For Medical History)
- *Visible Prescription List (For emergency personnel to easily access)
- *Residential Knox Box literature (Information on purchasing a secured box that holds a key to your residence in the event you are unable to open door for emergency calls)