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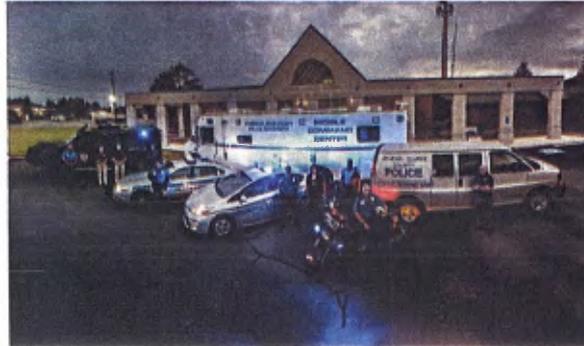
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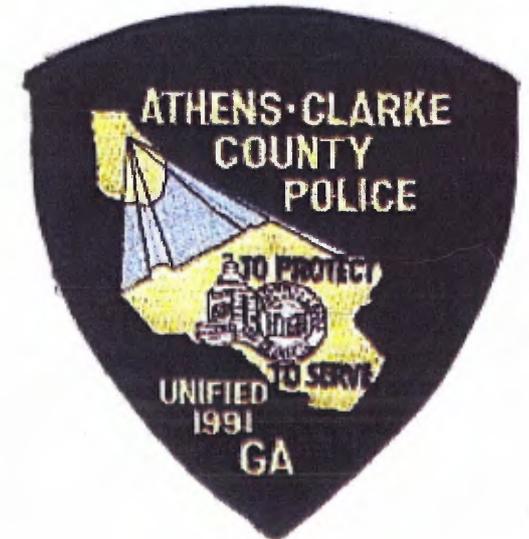


**Athens—Clarke County
Police Department**

3035 Lexington Road
Athens, Georgia 30605
706-613-3330
M - F, 8am - 5pm

In Case of Emergency: Dial 911
24 Hours a day
7 Days a week

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***"Seniors, We Care
About You"***

Message From The Chief



The senior population of Athens-Clarke County has experienced significant growth and it is believed that a proactive approach is required to identify individuals who may be at-risk. Over the years the

Athens-Clarke County Police Department (ACCPD) has routinely answered requests to check on seniors or special needs individuals. These requests often come from family or friends who are out of state or too far away to check on them in person.

To that end, the ACCPD is embarking on a program call "Seniors, We Care About You". Within the program at-risk seniors will be identified through an application process which will involve the crime prevention unit, Athens Community Council on Aging (ACCA) and the volunteers of the ACCPD.

This service will be offered to seniors 65 years of age or older and special needs individuals who are living alone or who have no one to check on their well-being.

We believe seniors are a priority within our community and we want to provide them with the assistance they need in order for them to feel safe and secure.

Program Description

- ◆ "Seniors, We Care About You" is an out-reach program for seniors or special needs individuals who are living alone and are homebound.
- ◆ It is developed to offer a means of providing seniors or special needs individuals of our community an enhanced sense of safety and service.
- ◆ Program participants will called on a weekly basis by volunteers of the ACCPD. Through the weekly calls volunteers will assess the welfare of the individual.
- ◆ If a call goes unanswered then the volunteer will notify the Crime Prevention Unit and a patrol officer will be dispatched for a house call.
- ◆ If the senior is in need of additional resources then they will be referred to the Athens Community Council on Aging (ACCA).



Preferred Requirements

- ◆ **65 years of age or older**
- ◆ **Special needs individual**
- ◆ **Resident of Athens-Clarke County**
- ◆ **Homebound or live alone**

Qualifications and Requirements

- ◆ 18 years of age - minimum
- ◆ Good physical and moral character
- ◆ Successfully pass background check and criminal history check
- ◆ Successfully complete oral interview/training sessions

All volunteers will be trained and supervised in the position that best fits their background and job skills.

At no time will the volunteer represent themselves as an agent/officer of the ACCPD. At no time while under the authority of the ACCPD will the volunteer carry a weapon.

For more information on volunteer opportunities or to express interest in volunteering with the ACCPD please contact:

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Volunteer Program

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Thank you for expressing interest in volunteering with the ACCPD. Through our volunteer program we are committed to developing a spirit of cooperation and partnership with the community. Our pledge is to recruit, train and retain a diverse group of talented volunteers who will be encouraged to participate in meaningful community safety, security and service programs.

We encourage our volunteers to utilize their skills in a work environment to promote meaningful public safety programs. The objectives of the volunteer program are the following:

- ◆ Promote community awareness and acceptance of the volunteer program as a viable and important community tool
- ◆ Provide an increased level of community involvement in public safety related matters
- ◆ Promote a better quality of life for our community

Volunteer Areas

Victim Family Assistance Team: Volunteers offer assistance in obtaining services for the immediate physical and emotional needs of victims or family members in crisis.

Emergency Response Team: Volunteers provide food, water and medical assistance to personnel at crime scenes, strategic response team situations and the forensics unit in times of urgent need.

Administrative / Clerical: Volunteers will assist with clerical and administrative duties. Areas of need include Human Resources, Alcohol / Taxi Permits, Forensics, Family Protection Unit, Training Unit and the 911 Center.

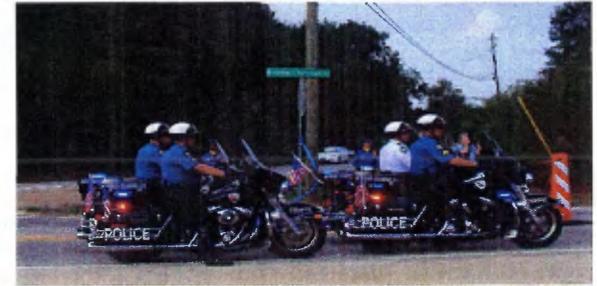
Chaplain's Program: Volunteer chaplains assist with providing support to members of our department and their families in times of need.

Evidence Room Support: Volunteers assist in the maintenance of electronic documentation/files.

Training Division Support: Volunteers assist Training Unit personnel in roleplaying exercises with new officers.

Internship Program: Interns are assigned to various units throughout the department consistent with the academic requirements of their home institutions.

Translation Services: Volunteers with language skills serve as translators in both written and verbal communications.



Promotion and Assessment Board: Volunteers assist the ACC Human Resources Department and ACCPD via assessment of officers for promotional opportunities.

Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association: Volunteers hold offices of responsibility within the Alumni Association. (Must be a CPA graduate)

Plain Clothes Operations: Volunteers serve within an observe and report role when units require additional assistance.

Volunteer Reserves: At any time, up to 20 volunteers are placed on a reserve listing that can be called upon for special events/occasions.

Athens Public Safety System Team (Cameras): Volunteer tasks include the monitoring of camera operations.



Seniors, We Care About You

Connecting Our Seniors with Community Resources

The Athens-Clarke County Police Department welcomes the opportunity to engage in meaningful partnerships with law-abiding citizens and visitors of Athens-Clarke County. Such interactions help to assist the department as we seek to eliminate crime, the fear of crime, and general disorder in our communities. In the accomplishment of such tasks the department is ever cognizant of the need to establish ethically-based problem solving partnerships which meet the needs of our residents and the community at large. To this end, the Athens-Clarke County Police Department has sought the creation of the *Seniors, We Care About You* program as to allow for a manner in which to address the safety concerns of our senior community. In such programming, Athens-Clarke County Police Department volunteers shall interact telephonically with our senior population and direct them to the resources available in our community.

It is noteworthy that the senior population of Athens-Clarke County has experienced significant growth, and it is believed that a proactive approach is required to identify individuals who may be at-risk within this community. Over the years the Athens-Clarke County Police Department (ACCPD) has routinely answered requests to check on seniors and special needs individuals. These requests have often come from family or friends who are out of state or too far away to check on them in person. Regrettably, often by the time community members and/or the police are made aware of a need to check on a senior, the senior's welfare has suffered.

To help ensure that the welfare of our seniors is periodically reviewed, the ACCPD is implementing *Seniors, We Care About You*. Within the program at risk-seniors will be identified through a voluntary application process which will involve the efforts of community stakeholders including: ACCPD's Crime Prevention Unit, the Athens Community Council on Aging (ACCA) and volunteers of the ACCPD, among others.

At its core, the program shall seek to allow for volunteers to place a phone call once or twice per week to check on the welfare of the seniors and provide information concerning available community resources, if requested. This service is purely voluntary and may be discontinued by the participant at any time. Persons 65 years of age and older, and persons with special needs are encouraged to participate in the program.

Applications will be available online (www.athensclarkecounty.com/police) and in the front lobby of the police department's precincts (3035 Lexington Road, 3700 Atlanta Highway and 325 Fairview Street).

Requests for information concerning the program may be forwarded to: Crime Prevention Unit, 706-613-3358, Ext. 235; Lesley Moore (email: lesley.moore@athensclarkecounty.com) or Julita Sanders (email: julita.sanders@athensclarkecounty.com).Ext.231.

To volunteer for this program, contact Mary L. Hamby, Volunteer Coordinator, 706-613-3888, Ext. 272, email: mary.hamby@athensclarkecounty.com.



Athens-Clarke County Police Department



SENIORS We Care About You

APPLICATION / WAIVER FORM

The Participant/applicant by his/her own accord or through his/her legal guardian hereby requests to be enrolled in the Athens-Clarke County Police Department's (ACCPD) *Seniors, We Care About You* program. The Participant by his/her own accord or through his/her legal guardian hereby acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- The Participant and/or legal guardian must verify the accuracy of all information provided on the application.
- The Participant and/or legal guardian are responsible for providing updates to information contained in the application throughout his/her participation in the program as changes occur.
- The Participant and/or legal guardian is responsible for providing prior notification to the volunteer by speaking to a volunteer member or by leaving a recorded message of the dates the Participant will not be in the residence to respond to a telephone check.
- If a Participant wishes to terminate participation in the program, he/she or a legal guardian is responsible for contacting the volunteer coordinator at 706 613-3888 ext. 272 or crime prevention at 706 613-3888 ext. 235.

Athens-Clarke County volunteers or members of the ACCPD will not provide any medical assistance, service or advice; travel or transportation assistance; labor; or financial assistance to Participant as part of, or independent of, the program. Any such needs remain the responsibility of the Participant, his/her legal guardian or caregiver

- Due to the Participant's participation in the program, Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (ACCUG), the ACCPD, and any of the members, employees and volunteers of any of these entities, may be provided emergency contact information and certain health information by the Participant or his/her legal guardian either as listed in the application or as disclosed during the course of the Program. Such health information may qualify as protected health information (PHI) under the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) Privacy Rule. The Participant hereby consents and permits the ACCUG, the ACCPD, and any of the members, employees and volunteers of any of these entities, to use, disclose, or discuss this information with Participant, his/her legal guardian, the referenced emergency contacts or any emergency medical personnel as necessary to perform the services referenced herein.

- The Participant and/or his/her legal guardian consent to all aspects of the service including, if necessary, consenting to entry into the Participant's residence to complete a wellbeing check, and summoning of emergency medical assistance. The ACCUG, the ACCPD, and any of the members, employees and volunteers of any of these entities shall not be responsible for any damages to the Participant's residence caused by entry to Participant's residence. Likewise, Athens-Clarke County, the ACCPD employees and volunteers shall not be responsible for the cost of any emergency or subsequent medical care when emergency medical assistance is summoned by the ACCPD.
- The ACCPD, may, in its sole discretion, with or without cause, terminate the *We Care About You* Program or Participant's participation in the Program at any time.
- The Participant understands and acknowledges that technical problems, scheduling problems, human error, holiday(s) or other problems may result in failure to make contact with the Participant on any given day or may result in the failure of the Program at any time.
- The ACCUG, and the ACCPD, do not represent, warrant or guarantee that the program will protect or preserve the health or welfare of the Participant.

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge and agree to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the ACCUG, the ACCPD, and any of the officers, agents, boards, departments, members, employees, and volunteers of any of these entities, from and against any and all actions or causes of action occurring or arising as a result of Participant's participation in the Program and activities in connection therewith wherever or however the same occur, including but not limited to, claims of other parties claiming financial interest in the Participant residence or estate. I do release, waive, discharge, and relinquish any action or cause of action, which may hereafter arise from participation in the Program.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE UNDERSIGNED TO, BY THIS INSTRUMENT, WAIVE AND RELEASE THE ACCUG, THE ACCPD, THE VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM AND THE RELATED INDIVIDUALS AND PARTIES MENTIONED HEREIN, FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY AND ALL LOSSES, DAMAGES, OR INJURY ARISING FROM, INCURRED BY, OR CAUSED BY, PARTICIPANT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROGRAM.

Signature of Participant/Legal Guardian

Date

Witness

Date



Athens-Clarke County POLICE DEPARTMENT

Senior's, We Care About You



Date

Please complete and mail this form to:
Athens-Clarke County Police Department
Attn: Crime Prevention Unit
3035 Lexington Road, Athens, GA 30605

Registration Number <i>(Office Use Only)</i>

RESIDENT INFORMATION

Name		
Street Address		Apartment/Lot Number
City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	
Dangerous Pets <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Type and Location:		
Resident is able to walk <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No List physical impairments:		
Resident lives alone <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, list names of Co-Residents: _____		
Medical Condition:		
Doctor's Name		Doctor's Phone Number

PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON

Name		Relationship
Street Address		Apartment/Lot Number
City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	Work Phone Number
Key Holder <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON

Name		Relationship
Street Address		Apartment/Lot Number
City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	Work Phone Number
Key Holder Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		