

Senior Citizen Telephone Reassurance Program

The New Hampton Police Department is inviting members of the community to become involved in a new program called the "Senior Citizen Telephone Reassurance Program". This program is a second program, in addition to the current I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency) program.

The "Senior Citizen Telephone Reassurance Program" would assist senior citizens living alone with peace of mind that a "buddy" will be checking on them regularly via a phone call. The program would match two or more seniors living in New Hampton as buddies. The "team" would then agree to check in with each other at a predetermined day and/or time to make sure the buddy is doing okay. If your buddy cannot reach you, or if they feel that you may need help, they would then contact the New Hampton Police Department so that a police officer can perform a "well-being" check.

In addition, if you think your buddy needs assistance with food programs, legal assistance, physical or mental health assistance, or even assistance with daily living or care services, you can contact Officer Monica Cunningham at the New Hampton Police Department.

It is the intent of these programs to continue to develop the partnership between the community, the elderly, as well as those citizens living along.

There will be a meeting on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at 2:00 pm at the New Hampton Community Church for the purpose of gathering information from people who would like to participate. Whether you want to be a caller, a recipient of calls, or both, please come to the meeting.

If you would like to participate and cannot attend, or if you have other concerns or questions, please contact Officer Monica Cunningham at 603-744-5423.