

NEWS RELEASE

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If You Live In Winter Park You're a Phone Call Away

The Winter Park Department has joined a growing list of agencies nationwide participating in Are You O.K.?, a telephone reassurance system that takes the initiative in contacting its subscribers.

Once people register for Are You O.K.?, their confidential information is recorded in a computerized telephone calling system. At a designated time daily, the system calls participants. When they answer the telephone, a recorded message asks if they are OK and requests that a number be pushed on their phone.

If a participant does not answer the telephone and select the right number, the system will call one more time. If there is still no answer, the computer notifies dispatchers, who will try to reach the individual. If that fails, an officer will be sent to check on the person.

Participants can register to be called at any time of the day or night, but they also must be a participant in our Lock Box Program. There is no charge to participate in the Lock Box Program. To register please contact Officer Javier Rodriguez at 407-599-3301 or register on line on our website at www.wppd.org under Community Information.

Are You O.K.? is designed for older adults, people with disabilities, shut-ins, or anyone who lives alone and needs to be checked on daily. Registration is open to City of Winter Park residents and there is no charge to participate.

Participants are asked to notify the Winter Park Police Department at (407) 644-1313 if they will be away from home during holidays, vacations or other times so that they will not activate the emergency alert system.