



# Chatham Borough Police Department

Providing quality and professional law enforcement services to our community



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Brian K. Gibbons • Chief of Police

Dear Neighbor:

In Communities like ours, there are many senior citizens that live alone. In Chatham Borough we are concerned about such people and the department has established a program known as **Operation Reassurance**. This letter is to ascertain whether you would be interested in participating in such a program and inform you of how it works.

The first requisite is that you **must live alone** and you **must have a telephone**. You will be required to telephone the Chatham Borough Police Department to let us know that all is well and whether there is something we can do for you. You **must make that phone call to us before 10:00 a.m. every day**. If a call is not received from you **before** 10:00 a.m. the police will call you. If there is no answer, an officer will be dispatched to your home to see if everything is alright. You will also **be required** to provide the police department with a key to your residence. The police will only gain access into the residence if all other attempts to get in contact with you have failed.

You will be required to **notify us** when you are going away. You will also need to provide us with the dates you will not be checking in with us. Upon your return you **must** contact the police department so we can place you back on the call list.

It is the intention of this program to make certain that all people who live alone will have a contact each day to assure that all is well. It is **not** intended to have the Police Department run errands. We are interested in your welfare and are here to help. If, for any reason, it seems that a particular person is taking advantage of this service, he or she will be personally contacted by the Chief of Police, or his representative to evaluate the situation.

If you are interested in participating in **Operation Reassurance**, please complete the questionnaire and return it to police Headquarters with a key to your residence.

Someone from the Police Department will contact you upon receipt of the returned questionnaire.

Very truly yours,

Chief Brian K. Gibbons  
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