

A MESSAGE TO THE RESIDENTS OF ATKINSON FROM YOUR POLICE CHIEF

September 17, 2007

Upcoming Events:

Trick or Treat:

This year Trick or Treat will be held on Wednesday October 31ST between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. I will be sending out a news letter with the children at the Atkinson Academy just prior to Halloween, outlining the basic rules they should follow to help ensure that this will be a safe and fun filled night for all.

Senior Citizen Flu Clinic:

The Police Department will be conducting our annual Senior Citizen FLU CLINIC on Friday October 26TH between 10 AM and 2:00 PM at the Atkinson Community Center. There will be extra nurses on duty to make this program go along as smoothly as possible. Seniors will be seen on a first-come/first-served basis. If you should need a ride to the Community Center, please call the department at 362-4001 and we will provide transportation for you. Last year, we had over three hundred folks participate in this clinic.

Home Owners Gun Class:

We will again be hosting our annual Home Owners Gun Course. This course will provide you with the current laws relating to the use of a fire arm and the instructors will be able to answer any questions you may have regarding to your personal weapon. This is a free course sponsored by the Police Department. In the past, this event has filled up very quickly. Additional information will be provided when the actual date is confirmed.

Children's December Christmas Party:

We will be sponsoring a Children's Christmas party so their parents can go shopping without the children looking at each and every gift they buy. We will be providing additional information as the time gets closer.

Senior notes:

New Wheelchair Van:

I am very grateful to say “**thank you**” to all of the residents who supported our request to replace our old wheelchair van. Our old wheelchair van was purchased over five years ago with funds from our donation account. Through your generosity, we were able to raise over \$37,000.00 to purchase a 2007 fully equipped wheelchair van. It is now in service and is being used every day. Again, I want to say “**THANK YOU**”.

Senior Citizen Fall Scenic Bus Trip:

Through our donation fund, we were able to provide luxury coach transportation for our seniors to take a foliage trip to Meredith N.H... I requested that the Life Is Not Done Group provide the funds for the complete turkey dinner which will be served during a train ride around Lake Winnepesaukee.

Exercise Club:

Starting in the fall, a twelve week exercise program for our seniors will be held at the Atkinson Community Center. Recreation Director, Noriko Yoshida-Travers had obtained a grant for these classes but the funds have run out, so we thought it would be appropriate to continue this outstanding program for our seniors.

Medical Supplies:

The Police Department has medical appliances on hand. We can provide our seniors with everything from wheelchairs, walkers, canes, hospital beds and a multitude of other medical and health needs. If you should require any of these items, please call the Police Station, at 362-4001 and we will, if necessary, have them brought right to your door.

Transportation:

Through our donation fund we were able to outfit and letter two of our old cruisers for use in transporting our seniors to and from their scheduled destinations. Our new wheelchair van is now in service and is available to any Atkinson senior who is confined to a wheelchair or has difficulty getting in and out of a passenger vehicle. With the new walk in ramp, the van it is now very easy to access. We are typically providing three and five transports a day. We can transport our seniors to local doctor visits, Boston Hospitals, the Veterans’ Administration Hospital in Manchester and local shopping trips. If you could give us one days notice it would be great, but immediate transportation situations will be handled as the need arises. We are blessed with the four transport officers; they are assistant Elderly Affairs Director William Anderson, Officers Richard

Magoon, Roger Culliford and Robert Neill. The seniors get along with all drivers and they make it a pleasant trip for all. Please do not hesitate to call us when you need a ride. We had one senior that was released from a local hospital at 2:00AM and we were able to give her a ride back to her home, so please if you need transportation, give us a call.

Reliable Contractors List:

I have up-dated our Reliable Contractors List. This list has electricians, painters, handy men, plumbers, carpenters, roofers and many other local contractors that have agreed to give our seniors a 10% discount on any work they provide. This list is available at the Police Station or give me a call and I will mail a copy to your home.

Annual Donation Drive

The Atkinson Police Department is conducting our annual fund raiser for our department. All donations stay right within the police department. We do not employ an advertising agency to solicit funds for us because these agencies receive eighty five cents out of each and every dollar that you donate.

All donations received are used for helping our seniors, purchasing equipment for our department and for activities that the Police Department puts on during the year. Listed are some of the ways we were able to help our seniors and also some of the equipment we were able to purchase through your generous donations.

- 1) Help our seniors purchase prescriptions and fuel;
- 2) Purchased a 1998 vehicle for undercover Police work;
- 3) Purchased a new radar unit;
- 4) Funded our D.A.R.E. program at the Atkinson Academy;
- 5) Provided candy canes to the children at the Atkinson Academy just prior to Christmas;
- 6) Provided ice cream cups for the Atkinson Academy students on the last day of school;
- 7) Purchased specially-outfitted wheelchairs for two of our seniors;
- 8) Installed a new digital camera in our booking room;
- 9) Provided graphics for all three Elderly Affairs vehicles;
- 10) Purchased a \$43,000.00 wheelchair van with donated funds.
- 11) Purchased special books for the Atkinson Academy library

If you would like to make a donation to our Equipment/senior fund to help further these activities, you can make your check payable to:

A.P.D. Equipment Fund
% Atkinson Police Department
Post Office Box 321
Atkinson, N.H. 03811

Attention Seniors

If you have reached the young age of 60 or you are new to our town and would like to be placed in our **confidential** senior citizen data bank, please fill out our senior citizen registration form and return it to the Police Department to the: “**Attention of Chief Consentino**”

Senior Citizen Registration Form

CONFIDENTIAL

NAME MR. _____

MRS. _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH MR. DAY _____

MONTH _____

YEAR

_____ OPTIONAL

MRS. DAY _____

MONTH _____

YEAR

_____ OPTIONAL

PHONE NUMBER _____

Please keep in mind that if any senior has a problem that they can not handle, they can give me a call and I will do everything possible to help them out. You can obtain senior help by calling the police station at 362-4001 or you can call me directly at my home at 362-5627. It is my aspiration as your Police Chief and Director of Elderly Affairs to continue to provide each and every Atkinson senior with the best possible services, and to let them know that in their time of need, I will be there to provide them with not only friendship, but to assure them we will be there to lend them what ever assistance they may need..

Philip V. Consentino

Police Chief

Director of Elderly Affairs