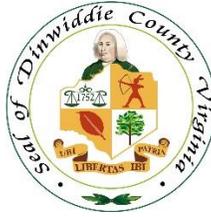


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County Launches Citizen Check Program

DINWIDDIE, VA – Dinwiddie County is pleased to announce the launch the Citizen Check Program. This program is the result of a partnership between Emergency Communications and the Sheriff's Office. By design, the Citizen Check Program enhances the safety of some of the County's most vulnerable citizens.

Once registered for the program, citizens will receive calls from Dinwiddie County Emergency Communications on a regular basis. During these calls, one of the County's Communications Officers will talk briefly with the citizen to ensure that all is well. If problems are reported, the Communications Officer will contact the citizen's emergency contact or will facilitate the coordination of assistance. If the citizen cannot be reached in a timely manner, the Sheriff's Office will dispatch a deputy to the home to check on the citizen.

Denice Crowder, Emergency Communications Manager stated "This is our way of looking out for those that may not have family or friends in the area who can check on their well-being." Corporal Tasha Ridley of the Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office shared "We believe this program will give peace of mind to seniors and those who care about them."

Citizens are required to register for the program. Additional information and the fillable registration form are available on the County's website: www.Dinwiddieva.us. Citizens who need assistance, or would prefer to register by phone may do so by calling (804) 469-5388. There will also be a Citizen Check Program booth at the 2017 Dinwiddie County Fair September 8th – 10th.

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