

C.H.O.O.S.E.

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Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Primary Doctor _____

Specialist _____

Medications _____

Allergies _____

Emergency Contact _____

Other Important Information _____

Project Lifesaver YES NO

Checks requested _____

Nearest Living Relative _____

Medical Conditions _____

Medical History _____

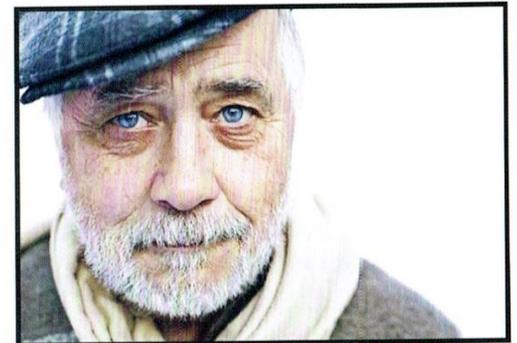
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C.H.O.O.S.E. is an acronym that stands for Cops Helping Our Own Seniors in Emergencies. In an effort to better serve the Village of Phoenix, the C.H.O.O.S.E. program was founded in the spring of 2014 by Chief Nerber.

The program has two components; the first includes having the participant provide their pertinent medical information. This section assists in the event of a medical emergency by providing information as to where a list of current medication can be located, and also allows the participant to designate an emergency contact person. If an EMS call is dispatched, the officer would be able to assist EMS in locating a list of medications, notifying the designated emergency contact person and bypassing EMS and hospital personnel trying to secure that information on their own.

The second component involves checking on the participant. Each month, an officer will stop by and visit each participant who chooses to have checks conducted. General conversation includes any changes in his/her health since the last visit, and this also provides an opportunity for the participants to express any concerns they have.

The checks component is optional; not all participants want an officer to check in on them, but they do provide the pertinent medical information in the event of an emergency medical situation.

If an officer is conducting checks and the participant is not home, the officer will leave behind a "C.H.O.O.S.E. Check Card". The card includes the date, time and name of the officer who stopped to check on the participant.

As the program developed, it expanded to include younger adults who have suffered from a variety of medical problems. Stroke, heart attack, traumatic brain injury - these are a few examples of medical issues that have left some of the younger participants incapacitated to varying degrees. Although these participants are high functioning, the C.H.O.O.S.E. program has provided them with another level of comfort. Anyone who has suffered from a medical condition that has left them vulnerable, regardless of age, is encouraged to enroll.

Seniors and other vulnerable community members run the risk of becoming targets of various scams. The C.H.O.O.S.E. Program has already helped protect participants from such scams. Since the program was implemented, several participants have disclosed suspicious incidents to the officer checking on them, and it has resulted in proactive measures taken by the Village of Phoenix Police Department to protect the individual. Even though the program is relatively new, it has already proven to be effective!

This program is FREE to all village residents!



C.H.O.O.S.E. is literally opening the door to communication between village residents and village police officers that has never before existed. As this program continues to evolve, the Village of Phoenix Police Department is excited to continue working towards better community policing, and establishing positive relationships with those who live in the community we proudly serve.



Please fill out the form on the back and drop it off at the Phoenix Police Department or mail it in. An officer will then visit you to complete your registration.



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