**Children Home Alone Program**

"C.H.A.P."

**Description:**

- Program will allow parents to register their home with the police department as having teens or pre-teens staying home without adult supervision, or with limited adult supervision *(see sample registration form)*
- Officers will pay special attention to the activities at these homes during routine patrol, and they will report strange or excessive activity to the parent(s) *(i.e. large group of children congregating, strange vehicles in drive etc.)*
- Provides some peace of mind to parents while they are working.
- Encourages children to follow the “house rules” set by the parents when they know the police will be checking on them periodically.

**Education:**

- Must clearly explain the program will not be a daily check of the home, but more of a periodic check as the opportunity arises during routine patrol.
- Not a babysitting service.
- The police department and the city are not encouraging people to leave their children at home expecting them to be looked after by police.
- Summer program will begin the day after the last school day and end on the first day of school in the fall, or when cancelled by the parent.
- Participants will receive check sheet at the end of program.

**Promotion:**

- City website
- Police Facebook page
- Mayor’s Facebook page
- Newspaper
  - Message will be presented as a new program designed to help ensure the safety of our children during the summer months
Pickerington Police Department
Children Home Alone Program (C.H.A.P)
House Check


Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

Home Phone: ______________ Work: ______________ Cell: ______________

Authorized Vehicles on Site:
Make: __________________ Model: __________________ Color: ______________
Make: __________________ Model: __________________ Color: ______________
Make: __________________ Model: __________________ Color: ______________

Children at Home:
Name: __________________ Age: ______________
Name: __________________ Age: ______________
Name: __________________ Age: ______________
Name: __________________ Age: ______________

Days and Hours Children Will be Home Alone:
Days: Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri
Hours: __________________

Brief Description of House:
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Other Comments:
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Citizen Observation Program

“C.O.P.”

Description:

➢ New program designed to encourage residents of the city to report suspicious activity observed in their neighborhood, the parks, or the business districts.

➢ Based upon the “See Something, Say Something” program developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

➢ Will allow the patrol division to establish “directed patrol” tactics to address citizen’s concerns regarding on-going problems and issues.

➢ Will assist the police department in identifying “potential” houses of interest.

➢ Allow officers to respond immediately to suspicious activity which is taking place at the moment to address the situations as they arise.

Education:

➢ Relay to citizens the program is designed to curb all criminal activity, but it will be generally focused on eradicating drug activity in the community.

➢ Must educate the residents in the many ways they can report suspicious activity:

   - Anonymous Tips Email on city website
   - Telephone call to the dispatch center at the PD
   - Facebook messaging service
   - Stop at the station and meet with an officer face-to-face
   - U.S. Postal Service
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