Press Release- Village of Elwood

Elderly Services Officer (ESO)

Police Department Will Check on Seniors

Elwood*, Illinois* – The Elwood Police Department announced an operation that includes conducting regular welfare checks on senior citizens until the threat of COVID-19 subsides. Elwood recognizes the need to take steps to protect older adults, who are among the most vulnerable to the novel coronavirus.

The Elwood Police Department reminds everyone it's a good idea to check on elderly loved ones regularly or, if you live out of town, make arraignments for neighbors to check in. For a wellbeing check, contact the Elwood Police at (815) 423-5411.You can also contact the Elwood Police Department's Elderly Services Officer Sarah Zimmerman at (815) 693-5011or by email at sarah.zimmerman@villageofelwood.com to arrange for a safety check by officers. The name, address, telephone number and/or email address of the elderly or homebound person must be included in any request for assistance.

Elwood Police Officers will attempt to make contact with people by telephone or email first, to limit the potential spread of the coronavirus. Only if no contact is made, will an officer be sent to a person's residence to attempt contact with the homebound or elderly person. Officers will practice the use of social distancing procedures in each situation.

Until the threat of COVID-19 subsides, the Elwood police will conduct regular welfare checks on senior citizens who are not able to get out, to make sure our seniors have the necessary two weeks' worth of supplies plus enough water and medications. Officers will also assist Elwood Senior Citizen's with delivery of food, groceries, and supplies by delivering them to homebound citizens through joint efforts with Senior Services of Will County.

For more information call the Elwood Police Department Dispatch at (815) 423-5411 or reach out to us via Facebook or the online reporting system on the Village of Elwood's website.

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