



PARTNERS IN CRIME PREVENTION

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE—LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office is looking for people to join its Volunteer Program.

Deputies patrol the county's 2,000 square miles 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Citizens can help the Sheriff's Office by banding together with Neighborhood Watch. They can also join the Sheriff's Office Volunteers and help by providing services that regular deputies cannot provide.

Sheriff's Office Volunteers help the Sheriff's Office achieve its mission. Volunteers help patrol deputies with disabled parking enforcement, radar speed checks, park and ride patrol, stolen vehicle searches and other non-hazardous patrol duties. They help with routine functions such as various clerical functions. Volunteers also encourage crime prevention with participation in National Night Out and the Evergreen State Fair.

The volunteers have two major programs to help with the community's quality of life:

You Are Not Alone (YANA)- regularly checks on older adults to help ensure their welfare and security.

Project Cares Track- distributes mobile transmitter bracelets to people who have

Alzheimer's Disease, Down Syndrome, or Autism who may have a tendency to wander away.

Working as a Sheriff's Office Volunteer is a satisfying, fulfilling experience. If you are interested in joining, contact:

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PROJECT CARE TRACK- DONATIONS

Project Care Track helps those who do not have the financial resources to participate in the program with bracelets and other support.

Your donations help the Sheriff's Office to help others. If you would like to donate, you can send your tax deductible donation to:

Project Care Track
 5506 Old Machias Road
 Snohomish, WA 98290

Call our information line, (425) 388-3825 to find out how you or your organization can become involved in our one-on-one sponsorship program.

PROJECT CARE TRACK- PROVIDING SAFETY FOR VULNERABLE CITIZENS

People with conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, dementia, Down Syndrome, Autism, and Prader-Willi may have a tendency to wander. Traditionally, when a care giver discovers a missing loved one or patient, they call 911 and the Sheriff's Office mounts a search and rescue effort to find the patient.

A lost patient is considered to be a major medical emergency. The patient may have difficulty with reasoning, judgement, and communication. Searchers heavily rely on a lost patient's ability to answer when they hear their name. If the patient cannot answer, or chooses not to answer, the search effort becomes more difficult and time consuming.

If an elderly Alzheimer's patient is left outside for more than 24 hours, their chance of survival drops to 50% due to the risk of exposure. Over the years, Snohomish County has had several tragic incidents of Alzheimer's patients passing away before they could be found.

In 2001 the Sheriff's Office launched Project Care Track after a search for an Alzheimer's patient in South

Snohomish County failed to find them before they died.

With Project Care Track, the patient has a safety net that can find them quickly if they wander away from home or where they normally reside.



Monitor Bracelet

Under Project Care Track, a client is given a one-ounce electronic bracelet that they wear on their wrist.

The bracelet emits a

unique radio signal that searchers can use to find the client.

The Sheriff's Office Volunteer Search and Rescue Unit, has radio receiver's that can receive the signal from the bracelet. Recovery times have been reduced from several hours/days to often less than an hour. And fatalities have been reduced by 90%.

If you have a family member or a friend that you think would benefit from Project Care Track, contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office at:

Information Line: (425) 388-3825

Volunteer Director: (425) 388-3082

YOU ARE NOT ALONE– PROVIDING PEACE OF MIND

Being alone and isolated can be one of the greatest fears of older adults. The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office has a FREE service called 'You Are Not Alone' (YANA) that allows older adults to have comfort and security in the knowledge that someone will check in on them on a regular basis.

Sheriff's Office Volunteers coordinate YANA by making regular contact with YANA participants both by phone and with home visits. YANA promotes peace of mind and security for Snohomish County's older adults living alone as well as their families. YANA allows seniors to live independently even if they do not have friends or family available to regularly check in on them.

How It Works

- Volunteers make telephone calls and home visits at prearranged times.
- If the participant does not answer the phone call or answer the door at the prearranged time, the Volunteers contact family, friends, and/or neighbors.
- If the participant does not answer after several attempts at contact, a series of steps follow to ensure the participant's safety and well-being.
- When the above attempts fail to make contact with the participant, a Sheriff's deputy checks on the participant's well-being.

YANA Benefits

- Provide peace of mind and sense of comfort and confidence for Snohomish County's homebound seniors or disabled citizens who enjoy the independence of living alone.
- By staying connected to the community, participants can reduce the risk of being victimized from exploitation from perpetrators who target older adults and those who lack social support.
- Reduce the feeling of isolation which can cause individuals to develop hoarding like behavior due to fear of running out of necessary items. Hoarding can lead to unsanitary and unhealthy living conditions.

Seniors, disabled, and their families can initiate sign up to become a YANA participant by completing a registration form. Participation is free with the only requirement being that participants be able to answer the phone and provide at least one emergency contact.

For assistance in completing the registration form or to request more information contact the YANA program call (425) 388-7375 or email YANA@snoco.org. YANA referrals can also be made via phone or email by friends or family members in Snohomish County that know someone who would benefit from this program.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY VOLUNTEER SEARCH AND RESCUE

Another volunteer organization in the Sheriff's Office is the Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue (SCVSAR) unit.

With over 300 members, SCVSAR volunteers conduct SAR operations in coordination with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Emergency Management that include finding lost people in the county's wilderness and urban areas, major disaster response, and life-saving first aid and CPR.

For more information about SCVSAR, its operations and how to apply to volunteer go to:

<http://wa-snohomish-county.civicplus.com/315/Search-Rescue>

CALLING 911; IRS SCAMS

When Your 911 Call Won't Go Through

Recently, a local cable provider had a multi-state failure of its VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol), landline telephone service that affected calls to 911. Calls could not be made to 911 by its customers over their landlines. Not being able to call 911 in an emergency can be frustrating to say the least.

Technology can fail in many ways, from equipment failure weather conditions or major earthquakes.

If you need to call 911 and cannot get through, try using another phone line. For example, if you call 911 on your landline, and cannot get through, try using your cell phone, or a neighbor's phone.

If you cannot get through to 911, you can also call the non-emergency numbers for the 911 services in the county:

SNOPAC 911- (425) 407-3999

SNOCOM 911- (425) 775-3000

Also, DO NOT call 911 to make sure it is working. Such calls can plug up the lines for emergency callers. Also, SNOCOM-911 requests that during an event such as a windstorm, do not call 911 to find out how to report a power outage. To report a power outage in Snohomish County call the PUD at (425) 783-7001 or (877) 783-1001.

IRS Scams

With April 15th rapidly approaching, we all have to be wary of IRS tax scammers.

The IRS often recommends that taxpayers file their income tax returns as early as possible. This is because scammers who may have acquired your personal information such as your Social Security Number often file a fake return in your name to collect a "refund" that is sent to them.

You can also protect yourself by :

- Being careful who you share your Social Security Number with.
- Securing your Social Security Card in your safe or a bank safety deposit box.

Also, scammers are still impersonating IRS agents on the phone or in email demanding immediate payment for taxes owed. The IRS will not:

- Call demanding immediate payment.
- Demand payment without allowing you to question or appeal the amount owed.
- Require payment in a certain way—such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to have local police arrest you.

OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOODS

MAKING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME PREVENTION WEB PAGE:

<http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/289/Crime-Prevention>

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TIP LINES



Snohomish County Sheriff's Office: 425-388-3845

<http://snohomishcountywa.gov/303/Anonymous-Tips>

Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound: 1-800-222-8477