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North Berwick Police Safe at Home Initiative

The North Berwick Police Department prides itself on not only representing the values of our Community, but also serving the needs of the Citizens of North Berwick. Over the past decade North Berwick has seen an increase in both population and industry – people want to live and work here because it encapsulates their values - dedication, perseverance, honesty, and most importantly – Family. Values hardly change – we are taught them at a young age and as we grow so does our pride in those very values. While values may stay the same the needs of a community may change; over time issues may arise that make us rethink an approach to a problem.

2020 has presented us with unprecedented problems – problems that have affected nearly every aspects of our lives: home, work, school. The COVID-19 Pandemic has placed added pressure on parents as this disease has forced families to choose between sending their children to school or working with the “remote” work from home option. It is the “remote” option that has created added stressors for parents who have to go to work and focus on their job, but also try to keep one ear to what is going on at home.

The North Berwick Police Department has always provided relief and a sense of security to people who leave their homes unattended for extended periods of time by conducting daily property checks and alerting the homeowner if anything seems awry. Last year we implemented our Peace of Mind Project. Developed by our Administrative Assistant, Wendi Daudelin, the Peace of Mind Project is a daily “check-in” procedure that helps our elderly, special needs, and disabled residents allowing them to remain connected to first responders. Our goal is provide peace of mind to our residents and their families that while they may be living on their own they certainly are not alone.

To accompany our Peace of Mind Program we have developed our Safe at Home Initiative. The Safe at Home Initiative is a way to provide a sense of ease to parents who may have children home alone while they are at work. All our programs are entirely voluntary – should a parent wish to enroll they simply need to contact the North Berwick Police Department.

We will gather some basic information – name, address, contact phone – but also some more specific info – number of kids at home, any vehicles in the driveway, etc. Each day while on patrol Officers will keep an extra watch on these homes and if something seems out of the ordinary it will be investigated and you will be contacted. Officers will also try and make it a point to stop and speak with your children – putting a name to the face and reassuring them that if there is a problem we will be there to help.

Our goal as an Agency is to constantly strive to meet the needs of our Community.

