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Toledo Police Celebrate 20 years of RSVP

Toledo, OH: - The Toledo Police Department's Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) Program will celebrate the 20th year of the program in September. The program is sponsored by the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio.

RSVP strives to foster a partnership with community members to assist in keeping a watchful eye on those citizens that, through family situations or health reasons, need attention. RSVP Volunteers provide companionship, conversation, and overall assistance to program recipients.

The program was organized under (now retired) Toledo Police Sgt. Anita Madison and marked its first visit on September 19, 2000. RSVP partners with the Area Office on Aging of NW Ohio and trains volunteers on subjects like: first aid, Adult Protection Services, scam prevention, consumer protection, and more. Toledo Police Officer Kathleen Mohr currently oversees RSVP, coordinating and supervising 65 active volunteers who regularly check on the safety and well-being of more than 90 recipients.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, RSVP has been making telephone contact to check on the safety of the senior clients. Necessities have been delivered to the doorsteps of program recipients who were not able to safely leave their homes to shop for themselves.

"The Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol program provides invaluable resources to some of the most vulnerable citizens in our community," said Toledo Police Chief George Kral. "The program is a critical contribution provided by Toledo Police in conjunction with the Area Office on Aging and I am proud of the assistance provided by our volunteers to those in Toledo who otherwise may not have much support," said Chief Kral.



The Toledo Police Outreach and Special Projects Team created several videos featuring both RSVP volunteers and recipients which can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/toledopolicechannel>

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a RSVP volunteer or receiving program services, please contact Officer Mohr at 419-936-3720.

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