

# Our Volunteers

Meridian Township Police believes in a “neighbor helping neighbor” concept and this is why the “Meridian Township Police Senior Watch Program” calls for neighborhood volunteers to assist with our program. The volunteers sign on to help us assist our seniors. Our volunteers are required to undergo a thorough background check and receive training in elderly needs and assessments. Through our volunteers, we will strengthen our relationships between neighbors and neighborhoods.



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# SENIOR WATCH PROGRAM



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Meridian Township Police Department is committed to establishing and maintaining partnerships in our community; and with understanding, cooperation and equality; we strive to enhance the quality of life and protect the rights of our community.

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## Senior Watch

According to statistics, there are approximately 6,500 seniors in Meridian Township or 15.6% are 65 years or older. Meridian Township's sizeable elderly population has sparked a need for this program that is devoted specifically to its residents.

The Meridian Township Police created the Senior Watch Program mainly for the benefit of its senior citizens, but others may benefit as well. Shut-ins, wheelchair users or Supplemental Security Income recipients are also welcome to use the program.



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## How It Works

This application can be obtained at the Meridian Township Police Public Safety building or the Township website: [www.meridian.mi.us](http://www.meridian.mi.us).

The application asks for pertinent information and requests the client to choose which program they would prefer to be enrolled in.

The least intrusive programs are the "Check In" and "Elderly Call" and the most comprehensive is the "Senior Watch."

Once the application is received by the police department, it will be entered in a database and a schedule will be created for the client based on the program they chose.

As part of the application process, a police employee will conduct an intake interview with the client. This interview will help determine any safety concerns or special needs the client may have.

## Programs Available

The "**Check In**" program is for senior citizens who may live alone and desire the opportunity to become part of our call in program. They will decide on a day and time that "**they**" will call in or check in with the police department. If a call is missed then an officer will call them or stop over to see if everything is okay (Benefit of this program — the client doesn't have to be home to call in).

The "**Elderly Call**" program consists of designated days and times the police department will call the "client's homes" to check on their welfare. Again, if no contact is made, an officer will be sent to the home to check on their welfare.

The "**Senior Watch**" program is for seniors who may need our help more than others. These seniors may not have family to check on them or provide assistance. A police officer or a designated volunteer would visit the client once a week (or more) to check on their welfare.

