



# Operation Blue Angel

Operation Blue Angel is a program intended to provide Police, Fire & Emergency Medical Services access to a residence in the event of an emergency, if a resident becomes incapacitated & is unable to open the door.

Lock boxes, similar to those used by real estate agents, will be installed by the Police Department at the homes of eligible borough senior citizens, free of charge. Inside the lock box, a spare key to the residence will be secured inside. The access code to the lock box will only be available to emergency personnel & will only be used in an emergency.

Program participation is strictly voluntary & specific eligibility criteria must be met.

Please call the Office on Aging at (732) 257-2340 for more information.



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## “OPERATION BLUE ANGEL”

Mayor John Krenzel is pleased to announce “Operation Blue Angel,” a program intended to provide Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) access to a residence in the event of an emergency where the resident is unable to open the door.

Lock boxes, similar to those used by real estate agents, will be installed by the Police Department at the homes of eligible borough senior citizens, free of charge. Inside the lock box, a spare key to the residence, provided by the program participant, will be secured inside. The access code to the lock box will only be available to emergency personnel, and will only be used in an emergency. The lock boxes were purchased with grant funding secured by the Office on Aging and provided by the Middlesex County Department of Senior Services, and therefore, there is no taxpayer contribution.

Participation in “Operation Blue Angel” is strictly voluntary, and is limited to Borough of South River Office on Aging members, age 85 or older who live alone; members age 60 or older who live alone and have a medical condition that is potentially incapacitating; or members age 60 or older who are alone on a frequent basis and have a medical condition that is potentially incapacitating. Program applications will be available beginning November 1, 2011 at the Office on Aging, located at the Human Services Building, 55 Reid Street.

Upon acceptance into the program, installation appointments will be coordinated by the Office on Aging with the resident and the Police Department, and a police officer will then be dispatched to the program participant’s residence to install and secure the lock box and answer any questions that may arise. It should be noted that the “Operation Blue Angel” program is not intended to be used as a “lock-out” service, and the combination on the lock box will only be available to responding emergency personnel, and will not be provided to the resident. The combination will be reset to a new combination each time it is utilized.

All program participants who meet the criteria will also be responsible for completing a “File of Life” package, which is a questionnaire that provides emergency responders with pertinent information such as medical history and current medications. This information must be kept current in its magnetized pouch on the kitchen refrigerator.

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