

PUBLIC SAFETY

PLAINSBORO ON WATCH

The Plainsboro Police Department's C.O.R.E. Unit, in cooperation with the Federal Citizen Corps Initiative "USA on Watch", has developed *Plainsboro on Watch*.

Neighborhood watch programs have existed in Plainsboro Township in varying forms for decades. In addition to encompassing all of the traditional elements of watch programs (i.e., neighbors and neighborhoods working together as another set of eyes and ears for the police community), *Plainsboro on Watch* will provide an unprecedented level of information sharing within each neighborhood and Township-wide. This network of informed citizens will play a vital role in crime prevention, police program development, criminal investigation, disaster preparedness, terrorism awareness, homeland security and the dissemination of emergency alert information.

Participants in the *Plainsboro on Watch* program will receive training and up-to-date information on: providing necessary and informative information when reporting criminal activity; addressing neighborhood concerns; crime prevention techniques; disaster preparedness; gang awareness; terrorism awareness and much more.

Plainsboro on Watch members will be encouraged to network with other members of their neighborhood to

create "Neighborhood Groups". These Neighborhood Groups will share concerns which will lead to the development of solutions unique to the needs of their neighborhood.

"The key to the success of the *Plainsboro on Watch* program will be participation and communication. I believe as a community we possess the necessary community pride and concern to develop our program into a model for others", stated Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis.

In addition to classroom training and group meetings program participants will have access to a Plainsboro on Watch Communications Website. The website will provide members with up-to-date information on security and quality of life issues in Plainsboro Township. Members will be able to share their individual and neighborhood concerns with other *Plainsboro on Watch* members and the Police Department. Additionally, as a program participant you may elect to receive e-mail notifications specific to your particular neighborhood, and emergency alert notifications regarding matters in other parts of the community.

For more information contact Patrolman Eric Potts at (609)799-2333, ext. 686 or epotts@plainsboronj.com.

FILE OF LIFE

The Plainsboro Police Department in conjunction with the Plainsboro Recreation Department is distributing *File of Life* packs to Plainsboro seniors. Funded by a grant from the West Windsor-Plainsboro Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse (MAPSA), the *File of Life* is a laminated card on which a person can record medical history, current medications (along with dosage information), illnesses, allergies and doctor contact information. The card has a magnet on the back so it can be kept on the refrigerator where it can be easily accessed by emergency personnel. A similar, wallet-sized card is also given to the senior to carry with them when not at home.

For further information, contact the Recreation Department at (609) 799-0909, extension 350.



Pictured above with Sergeant Joseph Duffy of the Plainsboro Police Department are "File of Life" recipients (left to right) Marie Piper, Julian Levy, Edward Shen and Ruth Levy.