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Sheriff McDermott Praises “Are You OK” Program for Recent Saves of Two Norfolk County Residents

DEDHAM, MA – Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott praised the staff of the Norfolk County Sheriff’s “Are You OK?” program and first responders for assisting in the rescue of two senior residents in January.

“The ‘Are You OK?’ staff helped save the lives of two Norfolk County seniors, working quickly to contact family and emergency personnel,” said Sheriff McDermott.

During a check-in call on January 7th, a Braintree resident was helped when she reported that she had fallen earlier in the day and was unable to move. Braintree police were notified and the woman was taken to the hospital.

On January 22nd, a Quincy resident fell the previous evening, hit her head, and was unable to get off the floor. When staff were unable to reach her in her daily call, they contacted the woman’s relatives, who went to her residence and called for an ambulance.

“The isolation imposed by COVID-19 on seniors and people with disabilities makes it even more important that we provide these kinds of lifelines,” McDermott added. “We take seriously our commitment to public safety in Norfolk County, and that includes making sure that we take care of our most vulnerable neighbors. This program literally saves lives. The ‘Are You OK?’ program is an invaluable and life-saving program, and I encourage all seniors and people with disabilities in Norfolk County to consider signing up for it,” he said.

The “Are You OK?” program is provided free of charge to seniors and residents with disabilities. The service provides participants with a daily check-in call 365 days a year, which is monitored by staff from the Norfolk County Sheriff’s Office and Fallon Ambulance.

Seniors interested in signing up for this no cost, potentially life-saving program are encouraged to contact Deputy Sheriff Cheryl Bambery at 1-866-900-7865 (RUOK).

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