

# Children Home Alone Program

“C.H.A.P.”

## Description:

- Program will allow parents to register their home with the police department as having teens or pre-teens staying home without adult supervision, or with limited adult supervision (*see sample registration form*)
- Officers will pay special attention to the activities at these homes during routine patrol, and they will report strange or excessive activity to the parent(s) (*i.e. large group of children congregating, strange vehicles in drive etc.*).
- Provides some peace of mind to parents while they are working.
- Encourages children to follow the “house rules” set by the parents when they know the police will be checking on them periodically.

## Education:

- Must clearly explain the program will not be a daily check of the home, but more of a periodic check as the opportunity arises during routine patrol.
- Not a babysitting service.
- The police department and the city are not encouraging people to leave their children at home expecting them to be looked after by police.
- Summer program will begin the day after the last school day and end on the first day of school in the fall, or when cancelled by the parent.
- Participants will receive check sheet at the end of program.

## Promotion:

- City website
- Police Facebook page
- Mayor’s Facebook page
- Newspaper
  - Message will be presented as a new program designed to help ensure the safety of our children during the summer months

# Pickerington Police Department Children Home Alone Program (C.H.A.P) House Check

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Requested Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ // \_\_\_\_\_ // 2012 THRU \_\_\_\_\_ // \_\_\_\_\_ // 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Vehicles on Site:**

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Children at Home:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Days and Hours Children Will be Home Alone:**

Days: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Mon    Tues    Wed    Thurs    Fri

**Brief Description of House:**

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**Other Comments:**

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# Citizen Observation Program

## “C.O.P.”

### Description:

- New program designed to encourage residents of the city to report suspicious activity observed in their neighborhood, the parks, or the business districts.
- Based upon the “See Something, Say Something” program developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- Will allow the patrol division to establish “directed patrol” tactics to address citizen’s concerns regarding on-going problems and issues.
- Will assist the police department in identifying “potential” houses of interest.
- Allow officers to respond immediately to suspicious activity which is taking place at the moment to address the situations as they arise.

### Education:

- Relay to citizens the program is designed to curb all criminal activity, but it will be generally focused on eradicating drug activity in the community.
- Must educate the residents in the many ways they can report suspicious activity:
  - Anonymous Tips Email on city website
  - Telephone call to the dispatch center at the PD
  - Facebook messaging service
  - Stop at the station and meet with an officer face-to-face
  - U.S. Postal Service

Promotion:

- City website
- Police Facebook page
- Mayor's Facebook page
- Newspaper
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