

Project CheckMate



The greatest assets of a community aren't necessarily its buildings and infrastructure.

It's its people, the foundation of which are our senior adults.

The Sumter Police Department expanded its I'm OK senior call-in program in 2014 to better protect that foundation. Called Project CheckMate, the expanded program allows senior adults to have personal interaction with law enforcement, providing these seniors and their families with an added sense of protection and security.

Sr. Cpl. Warren Davis is assigned to the program and makes regular home visits to seniors in the I'm OK call-in program who opt in to Project CheckMate.

In the expanded program, Davis:

- Makes regular visits to the elderly and homebound residents who are registered in the program

- Spends an extended period of time with the participant to make sure their needs are being met
- Updates emergency contact information
- Conducts security surveys and provide suggestions to improve safety and deter crime
- Makes referrals to other agencies as needed
- Provides other minor services that may be outside the scope of law enforcement, like taking out the trash or making minor repairs that may be outside the typical responsibilities of law enforcement.

The program has been recognized by both Municipal Association of South Carolina and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association.

To learn more about Project CheckMate or to refer a senior adult, call the Sumter Police Department's Community Services Unit at (803) 774-1672 or (803) 436-2723.