



News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff's Volunteers to Deliver Food Baskets This Weekend

Saturday morning, volunteers with the "Special Services Bureau" at the Sheriff's Office will deliver food baskets to homebound and disabled persons.

Volunteers visit these citizens with special needs routinely. The baskets were given to the Sheriff's Office by the Neighborhood Christian Center which partners with the Sheriff's Office Public Affairs Bureau.

Reporters/photographers may ride with volunteers as they distribute 150 baskets.

Volunteers will be assembling at the Sheriff's Office substation this Saturday morning, December 20, at 9 o'clock.

The Sheriff's Office Substation is located in Arlington at 11670 Memphis-Arlington Road.

Below, you'll find out more about the bureau and their importance to our community.

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Sheriff's Office Special Services Squad



Volunteers on the squad check on the well-being of the elderly and disabled. On some occasions, volunteers have found persons who have fallen or who were in need of immediate medical attention. Volunteers on the squad provide a vital service to citizens throughout Shelby County.



Ready for the shift to visit the home-bound



Sponsoring Holiday Events



Sheriff's Office Special Services Squad

Are there any costs involved? No

- Uniforms provided
- Equipment and gear provided

Service Requirements

- Squad members visit senior citizens and provide assistance at community functions involving the Sheriff's Office
- Members may also be assigned to assist other Sheriff's Office bureaus
- Monthly Time Commitment: 16 hours/month
- Be 18 years-old
- United States Citizen

Required Training

- Sexual Harassment
- Aids/Hepatitis/Blood Borne Pathogens
- CPR
- AAA Driving Course
- Radio Communications
- Child Abuse/Neglect
- Elderly Abuse
- Policy and Procedures

To obtain an Application Packet by email go to: (LINK) (Please include your Name, Address, and Phone Number in the email)

To order an application by phone call: (901) 867-1440

About the Special Services Bureau

- **Thirty six (36)** squad members visited senior citizens and provided assistance at community functions involving the Sheriff's Office. This year, volunteers have made more than 8,000 visits to elderly/shut-in/disabled citizens and telephoned more than 3000 citizens who are homebound.
- **Projected value added to the department resulting from this volunteer unit:
\$140,000**

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