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**WEST ORANGE**  
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## "OPERATION BLUE ANGEL"

The West Orange Police Department and the West Orange Fire Department, in partnership with Department of Senior Services and the West Orange Age-Friendly initiative, are pleased to announce a new program for the senior and medically disabled community. **Operation Blue Angel** is designed to provide additional peace of mind for the West Orange senior community in the event of an emergency.

**Operation Blue Angel** is a voluntary program to assist West Orange residents at risk of a medical or life-threatening emergency whereby the resident is home alone and unable to get to the front door and open the door for help. The program allows Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to gain entry into the home in the event of a medical emergency without unnecessary delays and without expensive damage to windows or doors.

Participants in **Operation Blue Angel** are provided with a free and secured Lock Box, which is affixed near the front entrance to the home. A key to the resident's home is securely stored in the Lock Box. **The confidential access code to the Lock Box is placed on file with the WOPD.** In the event of an emergency, a WOPD Police Officer will access the confidential Lock Box code and use the secured key to accompany medical personnel into the home.

*Operation Blue Angel is made possible by funding from the Partners for Health Foundation and is free of cost to eligible community members.*



## Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to enroll in "Operation Blue Angel" lock box program, West Orange residents should meet the following criteria:

- Must be 55 years or older or have a medical condition(s) that could lead to incapacitation.
- Must live alone or alone for extended periods of time on a regular basis.
- Must complete the **Operation Blue Angel** Application and the Liability Waiver forms.
- Must designate an Emergency Contact Person

The access code to the Lock Box will be available **only** to WO Police Department first responder personnel. The Lock Box code will **not** be transmitted over the airwaves to avoid unauthorized persons from hearing the code. The Lock Box remains the property of the Township of West Orange and must be returned if the Participant moves or relocates from our jurisdiction or otherwise leaves the program.

## For More Information

If you wish to obtain an application for **Operation Blue Angel**, please contact:

Police Officer Frank Romayo  
Community Service Unit  
Office: 973-325-4038  
Email: [fromayo@wopd.org](mailto:fromayo@wopd.org)





## Operation Blue Angel

### LIABILITY RELEASE FORM:

In case of emergency, DIAL 911

Chief James P. Abbott,

In consideration of Community Services Unit (CSU) participation in Operation Blue Angel, the undersigned, to the fullest extent permitted by law, hereby agrees for the undersigned and the undersigned's heirs and representatives, to indemnify and hold harmless the Township of West Orange and their respective employees, officers, and attorneys from and against any and all claims, SUITS, JUDGMENTS, losses, damages, personal injuries (including but not limited to death), or liability (including reasonable attorney's fees), directly or indirectly arising from or in connection with the undersigned's participation in the Operation Blue Angel. The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the undersigned's participation in Operation Blue Angel is voluntary and that said Program is being offered only as a courtesy. I also understand and agree Operation Blue Angel is not intended in any way whatsoever to create or impose a special duty on the West Orange Police Department or West Orange Township and their respective employees, officers, and attorneys regarding the undersigned's safety or well-being.

### CONDITIONS:

Under the Operation Blue Angel, the undersigned has voluntarily agreed to participate in the program and assume full responsibility for providing the correct key at all times. Once the lock box is installed, police personnel can only use the lock box to gain access to the undersigned's home after being summoned to the home for emergency purposes. In the event of a time sensitive situation (e.g. medical emergency, fire, home invasion, etc.) or malfunction of the lock box, fire and police personnel may not be able to, nor have the time to use the lock box system. In those situations, the undersigned agrees that emergency personnel shall have the right to exercise their discretion and gain entry to the undersigned's home by the fastest means possible. However, emergency personnel will use their best efforts to utilize the lock box when time and the situation permits.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT OPERATION BLUE ANGEL IS NOT A "LOCK OUT SERVICE" FOR ME, MY FAMILY OR MY FRIENDS. ONLY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND ACTUAL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GRANTED ACCESS AND EXCESSIVE REQUEST FOR NON-EMERGENCY ACCESS WILL RESULT IN TERMINATION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION BLUE ANGEL AND WILL RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF THE LOCKBOX.**



**EACH RESIDENT (Over the age of 18 years) AT THE HOME ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE IS REQUIRED TO SIGN AND DATE THIS AGREEMENT.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Program Participant (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Program Participant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Program Participant (Please Print)

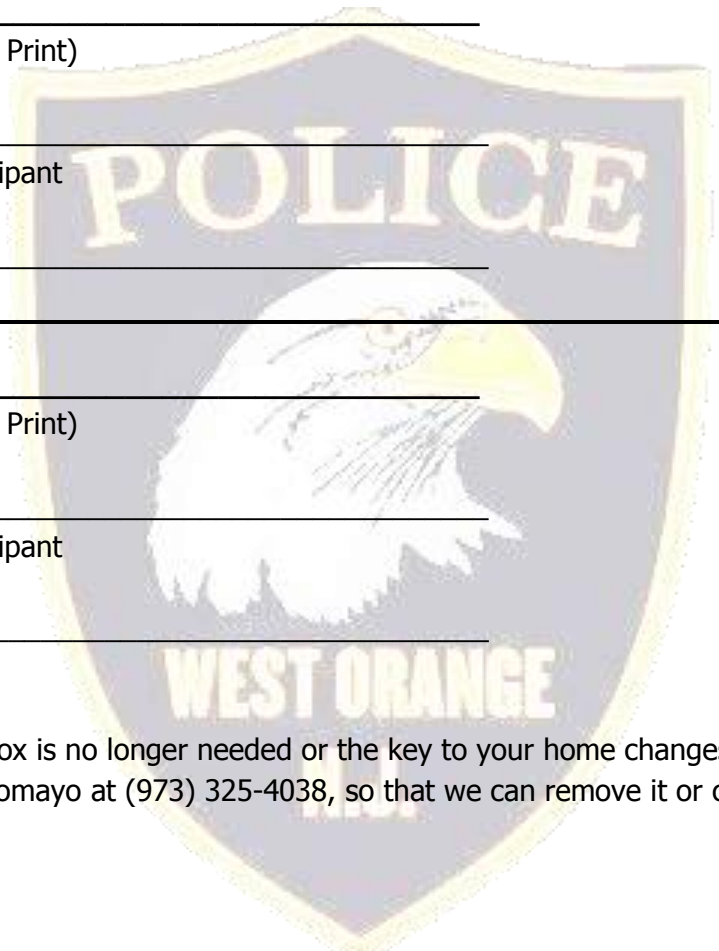
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Signature of Program Participant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Program Participant (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Program Participant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE NOTE: If the lock box is no longer needed or the key to your home changes, please call the Program Coordinator Officer Frank Romayo at (973) 325-4038, so that we can remove it or change the key placed in the lockbox. Thank You

**Internal Use Only**  
**Entered into CAD / Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature / ID** \_\_\_\_\_





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