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**OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
CONTINUES TO ACCEPT USED CELL PHONES  
FOR 911 SENIOR CELL PHONE PROGRAM**

October 18, 2007 (Oakland County) – Today, Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard wants to remind the public that the Oakland County Sheriff's Office continues to accept donations of used cell phones as part of a recycling effort to help support the 911 Senior Cell Phone Program sponsored by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. The Program is designed to equip seniors with a mobile means of contacting help in the event of an emergency.

"I hope the senior citizens of the County will take the opportunity to be part of this program. Having a mobile, emergency means of communication is like having an insurance policy. You don't know if you're going to need it, but if you do, you're covered," Bouchard said. "It's quick, easy and could save lives."

Bouchard said the Sheriff's Office has been collecting unwanted, inactive cell phones from the community for the past several years. Thanks to the generosity of those donations, the 911 Senior Cell Phone Program has distributed thousands of cell phones to senior citizens around Oakland County.

"I'd like to thank the individuals and businesses of the community who took the time to donate their old cell phones. In many instances, people or companies donated several phones at a time," Bouchard said. "This is such a simple, charitable way to reach out to the elderly of our community and I am so pleased at the way the public has joined in this effort."

The cell phones are available to all Oakland County senior citizens. They need to be kept charged and in working order, the phones will dial and connect with 911 emergency personnel. The cell phones are not assigned a number, will not ring and will not receive any outside calls.

Seniors wishing to participate in the program may pick up cell phones from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office in Pontiac any Friday morning from 9am-Noon. For more information, individuals may contact the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Community Services Hotline at (248) 975-9700.

In addition, the Sheriff's Office encourages the public to continue donating their unwanted, inactive cell phones. The phones must be in good condition and include an AC/DC recharging unit. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office at 1200 North Telegraph, Bldg. 38E, Pontiac, MI 48341, or to any one of the Oakland County Sheriff's substations. A complete list of substation addresses is available at [www.oaklandsheriff.com](http://www.oaklandsheriff.com).