

FILL OUT THIS COUPON – CUT OFF THIS LINE

___ I am interested in participation in "Are You O.K.?"

___ I know someone who could use the services of
"Are You O.K.?"

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

RETURN TO: KERN VALLEY SUBSTATION
7046 LAKE ISABELLA BLVD.
LAKE ISABELLA, CA. 93240
(760-549-2036)

Are You O.K.?



**KERN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
KERN RIVER VALLEY
CITIZEN SERVICE UNIT**

The Kern County Sheriff's Department and the Kern River Valley Citizen Service Unit are excited about a service we are offering. It is called, "Are You O.K.?"

The "Are You O.K.?" program is designed for senior citizens, medically disabled persons and shut-ins who live alone and need to be checked on a daily basis within our community.

"Are You Okay?" is a telephone dialing system. The CSU member calls each enrolled citizen on a daily basis, seven days a week to check on their welfare at a designated time. If they fail to answer their phone after two tries or two busy signals the volunteer on duty will issue an alert. When an alert is issued they print out a data sheet which includes such information as who to contact in case of an emergency (clergy, family members, friends, neighbors, etc.) and if there are any medical problems they may have.

An important feature is being able to monitor the person's response to the phone call, if they need help they can let us know the problem and we can get them the help that they need. Most **"ALERTS"** can be handled with a phone check, if not a deputy is dispatched immediately.

At the end of the day's calling, we keep a log of the days activities. This lists the total number of calls initiated, no answers, busy signals and alerts for that day. This report is very helpful in alleviation the concerns about forgetting to call someone.

The Kern County Sheriff's Department Citizen Service Unit is proud to be the second agency in Kern County to offer this much needed service to our citizens. If you or someone you know would like to enroll in "Are You O.K.?" please call the Kern Valley Substation at

549-2036, where someone will be able to answer any questions you may have.

The "Are You O.K.?" telephone calling system was founded in 1996 funded in part by a generous donation from the West Foundation. The program is operated **FREE OF CHARGE** by the Kern County Sheriff's Department Citizen Service Unit.

It is important to understand that "Are You O.K.?" is not intended to take the place of any other service a person is now using. In fact, we urge you to use these services in addition to the "Are You O.K.?" This system also features a "No Call File," which will stop the calling on specific days when they know they will not be home. This avoids any unnecessary alerts.

We feel this program will be an asset to the Kern County Sheriff's Department and the Citizen Service Unit because of the good rapport that will be generated with the community at no cost to the individual.

We urge those citizens who feel the need for this type of service to fill out the coupon you will find in the pamphlet and take it to the Kern Valley Substation front desk. Also please pass this on to anyone else who might be interested.