



# Media Alert

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## **HAVE A HEART, DONATE USED CELL TO KEEP SENIORS SAFE**

Sheriff renews appeal for used cell phone donations.

**Detroit (February 13, 2011) -- This Valentine's Day Sheriff Benny Napoleon** will meet with a group of area seniors at *Commissioner Alisha Bell's Annual Valentine Senior Luncheon*. But he won't show up empty-handed. He'll give out safety tips and free cell phones the seniors can use to dial 9-1-1 in an emergency. But when he leaves, his supply of cell phones will be down to nothing due to a severe decrease in donations.

"We give out thousands of free cell phones each year which seniors use to call police when they have an emergency, but now we're all out," said Sheriff Benny Napoleon. **"We're asking you to dig out that cell phone you may have tossed aside and bring it to us. The phone you donate could rescue a senior in crisis."**

Join the Sheriff and Commissioner Bell as she treats a group of area seniors to Valentine's Day lunch and also distribute what may be the last of the free cell phones until the WCSO can be restocked.

**WHAT: Commissioner Alisha Bell's Annual Valentine's Day Luncheon with Sheriff Benny Napoleon**

**WHEN: 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 14, 2011**

**WHERE: Plymouth Square, 20201 Plymouth Road**

When Sheriff Napoleon talks to the community about donating and distributing used cell phones, most people acknowledge having several discarded cell phones hiding in the backs of drawers or closets. The WCSO wants everyone to donate their unused cell phones so they can be refurbished and given out to seniors who need them. Phones can be dropped off during regular business hours to the Wayne County Sheriff's Administration Building at 1231 St. Antoine in Detroit; Road Patrol Division at 3100 Henry Ruff Road in Westland; or the Division 3 Dickerson Facility at 3501 Hamtramck Drive at Conant in Hamtramck. **Call 313-224-0614 for more information about the WCSO Cell Phones for Seniors program.**

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