



NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK TO AID ELDERLY VETERANS WITH CRIME PREVENTION

For more than 126 years, North Middlesex Savings Bank has believed in giving back to the community. The support provided to local organization has recently been expanded: North Middlesex Savings Bank has joined with the Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation (SHCPF) to ensure that elderly Veterans living in 160 state Veteran nursing homes in the U.S. are able to live out their lives in safe, secure environments.

“We’re proud to work with an organization that’s dedicated to protecting our veterans while providing them with a safe and secure living environment,” said William P. Marshall, President and CEO of North Middlesex Savings Bank. “The mission of the Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation is one that we strongly support. Our veterans have done so much for our country that it is an honor to be able to do something to support them in return.”

“Protecting our nation’s 40,000 elderly veterans living in long-term care is a need that must be addressed, and I can’t think of a better way to get this done than by asking every bank in the country to allocate a portion of their annual Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) budget to securing the Foundation’s successful Senior Crimestoppers program,” said SHCPF Chairman, President & CEO Peter K. Gwaltney.

NMSB announced its commitment to the program prior in early May and have planned an awareness program on May 27 in honor of Memorial Day. “Our servicemen and women are dedicated to making our country a safer place to live,” said Marshall. “With Fort Devens a major part of our community, NMSB is proud to call many of its customers veterans.” In honor of Memorial Day, cookies and punch will be served in all seven of the bank’s branches. Information about the Senior Crimestoppers program will be available.

The Senior Crimestoppers program is a proprietary operation of the SHCPF, a national organization which was established to provide a vehicle for banks to earn CRA credit through support of nursing home residents, who are classified as low-to-moderate income individuals.

Senior Crimestoppers is built on a zero tolerance-to-crime platform that is vigilantly maintained for the residents, staff, management and visitors. Each resident is provided their own personal lock box to safeguard valuables. In addition, cash rewards up to \$1,000 are posted on every crime incident that is reported to the SCS call center. Rewards are paid anonymously to tipsters having information about the crime incident reported. In addition, all facilities in the program display a membership charter and are provided regular in-service training for residents, staff and management together with employee oath sheets, yard signs and quarterly reporting of crime prevention status.

Because of North Middlesex Savings Bank's support, each Veteran resident will be provided a specially designed Veterans personal lock box. In addition, SHCPF will provide each state Veterans nursing home with its annual *Time of Your Life* video exhibit for the resident's enjoyment and each facility will receive an annual cash contribution for a *Wish Comes True* grant to be given to select Veterans.

For more information regarding the Veterans Initiative or the Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation, please contact Terry Rooker at 877-232-0859 or visit us on our website at .SHCPFfoundation.org. For more information about the Senior Crimestoppers program, please visit .seniorcrimestoppers.org. For more information about North Middlesex Savings Bank, visit .nmsb.com.

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