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Cell Phone Recycling Program in Worthington

Donate your Old Cell Phone to Help Others in Need

(Worthington, Ohio) - Cell phones are something that most of us take for granted. But for some, having a cell phone could be a matter of life or death. Next time you upgrade to a new cell phone, instead of throwing your old phone away or stuffing it in a drawer, donate your old phone to help save the lives of others. The Worthington Division of Police is collecting old cell phones to give to the "9-1-1 Cell Phone Bank," a nationwide cell phone recycling company. The phones are cleared of personal information and deactivated so there are no charges applied to the person donating the phone. These phones are given to senior citizens and victims of domestic violence and provide mobile 9-1-1 access in cases of emergency when they might otherwise have no other way to contact police or other emergency services.

With the average wireless user upgrading their cell phone every 18 months, it is estimated that more than 140 million cell phones are retired each year and over 500 million cell phones are currently stockpiled in U.S. homes. Surveys have shown that only 2.3% of Americans recycled their old cell phones and 7% threw them in the garbage. Instead of keeping a drawer full of old phones, or tossing them into the landfill, recycling is a great alternative and can help another person in need.

If you are interested in donating your old cellular phone, you can bring it to the Worthington Division of Police, 6555 Worthington-Galena Road. If you have any questions, please contact Officer Tammy Floyd at 436-8634 or email tfloyd@ci.worthington.oh.us. For more information on the program, visit 911cellphonebank.org.

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