

Police in Cheektowaga help deliver meals to those in need

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CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (WKBW) - Residents received a friendly visit Tuesday morning along with their hot meal, thanks to the Cheektowaga Police Department.

“It’s nice to come out and see the citizens not just in a negative light but a positive. We like to see them and what is going on in the neighborhood. They also like to talk,” Officer Jennifer Hodgson said.

Officers went door-to-door as part of a Meals on Wheels (<https://mealsonwheelswny.org/>) community initiative.

“Our Adopt-a-Route program is a corporate program with a sponsorship of one meal a week. The clients get a kick out of them coming to deliver the meals,” Lauren Gousy with Meals on Wheels said.

“It helped me so much with my wife passing. The food is delicious and I love it. I eat everything,” one Meals on Wheels client said.

Officers said it is not only about the visits but it is an extension of the department’s community outreach. They said it also puts extra eyes on the residents.

“We had a woman that was down and we called for help. It’s those positives that we like about our job, not the negatives,” said Officer Hodgson.

As for the clients, many said the program is becoming a necessity in their lives. Receive top stories directly to your inbox. [close](#)

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“I swear by it. I just like it,” said one Meals on Wheels client.

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