

Sandown Senior Affairs Transportation Program (SSATP)

This group of volunteers was formed in 2013 to help the senior residents of Sandown who have limited transportation options with medical appointment related transportation needs.

We provide safe, friendly rides to Sandown senior residents who are ill or with limited mobility and in need of transport to doctor, dentist, and medical treatments free of charge. Any passenger information given to SSATP is strictly confidential.

Transportation is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm depending on our drivers' availability. Pre-registration is required to participate in the program. We provide transport from Sandown to as far away as Portsmouth, Concord, North Andover and occasional visits to the VA in Boston. All requested destinations are at the discretion of the volunteer drivers.

All volunteer drivers have a driving history and background check completed by the Sandown Police Dept. and the NH Department of Safety before driving for SSATP.

Those interested in obtaining more information about the program are invited to email SandownRides@gmail.com or contact the Sandown Town Hall Selectmen's office.

In 2020 our volunteers provided 69 round trip rides totaling 2,515 miles, roughly half a normal year due to COVID. Since the program began, we have assisted our residents with a total of 1,202 rides that amounted to 48,837 miles.

We always have a need for additional volunteer drivers to help ensure we are able to fulfill all ride requests. A driver that can help with 1 ride a month makes a big difference to our residents in need! Driver's sign-up for rides based on the driver's availability and are reimbursed 25 cents/mile.

We are currently looking for someone to take on the role of Director for this program. Responsibilities include reviewing new riders' eligibility, scheduling rides and attending monthly board meetings. We are also looking for someone to do just the scheduling of rides which can be done from home typically in less than 2hrs/week. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the town hall. All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Bickford

Acting Director, Treasurer & Driver for Sandown Senior Affairs