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Dear Residents,

The Elmwood Park Police Department would like to better serve the Autistic/Special Needs community. To further assist this community we are asking parents/guardians and caretakers of Autistic/Special Needs Individuals to complete the attached Emergency Information Form. This form will enhance police officer(s) communication and response skills. The completed form will be entered into our computer database, allowing responding police officer(s) to access the information you have provided on the emergency form. This will provide the officer with a better understanding of how to handle the situation. Our goal is to provide effective and safe outcomes with every call we handle and these forms will help us achieve that goal.

All information you provide will only be entered into our police database and will be strictly confidential. We also would like to recommend submitting a photograph of the person on the form so that we could better identify someone in the event that they went missing. Please return the emergency information form at your earliest convenience to the Records Bureau of the Elmwood Park Police Department. Thank you for helping us assist the Autistic/Special Needs citizens in our community.

Sincerely,

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ELMWOOD PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

AUTISM/SPECIAL NEEDS AWARENESS FORM

NAME OF CHILD OR ADULT: _____

NICKNAME IF ANY: _____ D.O.B.: _____ HEIGHT: _____ SEX: _____ RACE: _____

WEIGHT: _____ EYE COLOR: _____ HAIR COLOR: _____ SCARS/IDENTIFYING MARKS: _____

MEDICAL CONDITIONS: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ OTHER PHONE: _____

METHOD OF COMMUNICATION IF NON VERBAL: SIGN LANGUAGE, WRITTEN WORDS, ETC.:

IDENTIFICATION WORN: JEWELRY/MEDICAL ALERT, CLOTHING TAGS, TRACKING MONITOR:

TRIGGERS OR ADVERSATIONS: _____

CONVERSATION STARTERS: _____

INCLINATION FOR WANDERING BEHAVIORS OR CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAY ATTRACT ATTENTION: _____

FAVORITE ATTRACTIONS OR LOCATIONS WHERE PERSON MAY BE FOUND IF MISSING : _____

LIKES AND DISLIKES (DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES): _____

PARENTS/CAREGIVER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONTACT INFO: _____

Bergen County Sheriff's Office

The Bergen County Sheriff's Office is the largest law enforcement agency in Bergen County. With more than 500 dedicated personnel, we provide a broad range of services that assist the public, support the county's municipal police departments and safeguard Bergen's judicial proceedings.

As members of the law enforcement field, the hardworking men and women of the Sheriff's Office are dedicated to becoming a more integrated part of the neighborhoods in which we serve. With that local focus in mind, our Community Outreach Unit works to maintain a solid relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the residents of Bergen County, as well as foster a greater understanding of the duties and functions of the law enforcement community.

The Community Outreach Unit offers a variety of public safety initiatives including programs on alcohol and drug abuse, senior citizen and child safety, school violence and youth development. We are always adding and improving upon these programs to further protect our residents and prevent crime in our neighborhoods.

We hope you will follow along with us as we work to ensure that Bergen County remains one of the best – and safest – places in the nation in which to live, work and raise a family.



Bergen County Sheriff's Office

24-HOUR

OPERATIONS DIVISION

201-646-2222

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

UNIT

201-336-3540

BERGEN COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER

10 Main Street

Hackensack, New Jersey

Phone: 201-336-3500

Fax: 201-752-4164

BERGEN COUNTY JAIL

160 South River Street

Hackensack, New Jersey

Phone: 201-527-3000

Fax: 201-527-3035



Bergen County Sheriff's Office

Project Lifesaver

*Bringing
Loved Ones
Home Safely*

Michael Saudino
Sheriff

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The Bergen County Sheriff's Office is proud to participate in Project Lifesaver International, which helps provide rapid response to save lives and reduce the potential for serious injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, dementia and other related disorders.

Project Lifesaver has more than 1,100 participating agencies across the U.S., Canada and Australia, and is implemented in every county in New Jersey by local Sheriff's offices. As the lead agency in Bergen County, the BCSO is trained and equipped to deploy members of the Sheriff's Office to assist local police agencies in locating individuals who may wander from home and become lost due to confusion and memory loss.

How Project Lifesaver Works

Participants in the program are fitted with a one-ounce, battery-operated radio wrist transmitter that emits a silent tracking signal every second, 24-hours-a-day. The signal can be tracked on the ground or in the air from several miles.

Each wristband has a unique frequency, so the BCSO's Project Lifesaver team can positively locate and identify a person who has wandered away from home using a specially designed radio receiver.

If a participant wanders off, the caregiver would first contact his or her local police, who would then initiate a search while contacting the Sheriff's Office. A team of specially trained officers from the Sheriff's Office would respond and search, utilizing the electronic tracking equipment.

The team is trained in methods necessary to communicate with a person who has Alzheimer's, Autism Down Syndrome or a related disorder. The team knows how to approach a disoriented person, gain their trust, and put them at ease for the trip home.

Project Lifesaver was established in 1999 by the Chesapeake, Virginia, Sheriff's Office. The program has rescued more than 2,143 people in the last 10 years with a 100 percent success rate. In areas where the system has been used, search times have been greatly reduced, which can mean the difference between life and death. The average rescue is less than 20 minutes and the program has saved many hundreds of hours of search time and public resources.

If you are a caregiver of an individual with Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome or a related disorder, and are interested in applying for Project Lifesaver:

- Please call the BCSO's Community Outreach Unit at 201-336-3540 to request an application.

Participation Criteria

- Participants must be diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, dementia or a related disorder.
- Participants must live in Bergen County in a private residence with a 24-hour, live-in caregiver.
- There is a one-time equipment fee of \$300 for the wrist transmitter, band, battery, clips and battery tester. Income-eligible participants may qualify for a waiver of the initial equipment fee.
- A monthly maintenance fee of \$13 covers the cost of the bracelet and battery.
- The wrist transmitter remains the property of the Bergen County Sheriff's Office. Once the individual is no longer utilizing the unit, it is returned and reassigned to another participant in the program.
- An officer from the Sheriff's Office will schedule an appointment to attach the wristband unit and train a caregiver in how the equipment works.

Project Lifesaver is made possible through the cooperative effort and support of the:



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