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RE: Home Safe Program

Fountain, Colorado – This week the Fountain Police Department would like to announce a new program for our community members. It is called “Home Safe”. This program is designed to help assist officers in the event an adult or child with a cognitive impairment goes missing.

Children and adults with cognitive impairment have a tendency to wander or run away from the supervision of their families or caregivers. Many are not completely aware of their surroundings, don’t have a good understanding of safety, and have an increased risk of becoming lost. All of these situations can quickly turn into a life or death situation.

The Fountain Police Department has created a packet consisting of information about the participant, to include: diagnosis or disability, communication method, emergency contacts and any other special considerations officers should be aware of. We want to be able to assist children and adults who are diagnosed with Autism, Down Syndrome, Dementia, Alzheimer’s, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Severe Developmental Disorders and any others who have an impairment to cognitive functioning return home safe if they are reported missing.

Once the application is completed and returned to the Fountain Police Department, an alert will be added on the participants home address advising officers there is a Home Safe Packet on file.

The Home Safe Packets will be available at the Fountain Police Department, on the City of Fountain website: www.fountaincolorado.org, and the School Resource Officers will have them available at every school within the city.

We understand how beneficial this information will be for our officers in the event a child or adult in our community with a cognitive impairment is reported missing. We hope families and caregivers will understand the benefit of this program.

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