



The Mahoning County Special Needs Registry is also available to help police officers and other emergency service personnel better assist residents with special needs. In the event of an emergency, vital information regarding a registrant's special needs, emergency contact information, physical description, and current photography, can be provided to first responders.

Information regarding the Special Needs Registry is available at all locations with the Blue Envelope materials, or on the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office website.

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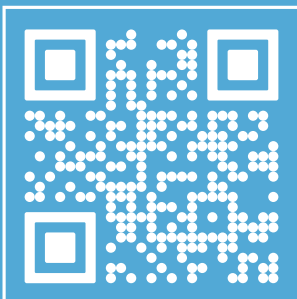
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MAHONING COUNTY BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM



The Blue Envelope Initiative was created in collaboration between the Mahoning County Prosecutor, the Mahoning County Sheriff, the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners. The flagship program was designed by the San Diego Sheriff's Department and has been implemented nationally with different agencies.



To find locations that to pick up Blue Envelope materials, visit

the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office website at prosecutor.mahoningcountyoh.gov/blue-envelope-program/

PURPOSE

Mahoning County is proud to operate the Blue Envelope Program. The program is designed to promote inclusivity and serve as an enhanced communication awareness tool between law enforcement officers and community members with a condition or disability such as autism spectrum disorder, dementia, a physical disability, or other condition that might require additional accommodations or awareness during an interaction with law enforcement.



HOW IT WORKS

Blue Envelope Program works by allowing an individual to readily display the Blue Envelope logo or present a Blue Envelope upon contact with law enforcement or other community service personnel. The Blue Envelopes can contain the individual's identification, contact information, or pertinent vehicle operating documents such as the vehicle registration and proof of insurance.

The Blue Envelope Program does not have a registry component, therefore, all components of the program are voluntary and self-implemented.

The following items are available for free at participating locations:

BLUE ENVELOPE

This envelope can be handed directly to a law enforcement officer with necessary information written on the outside and documents can be placed inside.

KEY CHAIN

The key chain can be conveniently attached to your key ring, lanyard, or other items to display the Blue Envelope.

WINDOW STICKER

This sticker can be placed on your vehicle's windows to discreetly communicate that you are part of the program.

Participants are invited to use all items or just those that they are comfortable utilizing.

WHAT TO PUT INSIDE THE ENVELOPE

Driver Passenger

- A copy of your drivers license
- Vehicle registration
- Current insurance card

Notes to deputy/officer:

- I may exhibit signs of anxiety or nervousness due to bright lights or jarring noises.
- I may need additional time to formulate responses.
- When feasible, use clear language, commands, and explanations.
- Consider contacting one of the individuals on this envelope to let them know if I am in distress.
- When the stop is concluded, clearly advise the driver that the stop is over and they are free to leave.

My name is _____

In an emergency, please contact:

_____ at () - _____

_____ at () - _____

_____ at () - _____

Special notes about me:

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