

VILLAGE OF McFarland

Police Department

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of our desire to provide the very best police services to our residents, the McFarland Police Department is seeking to enhance its base of knowledge and awareness of the special needs children and adults in our community. As a Police Department, we regularly have contact with children and adults who have a variety of special needs. While in many instances we are aware of the individual needs of a particular person with whom we are in contact and how to best help them during a stressful event, at other times we are not familiar with an individual and this can cause difficulty in determining how to best help them. The goal of this program is to coordinate with family members in gaining the valuable knowledge that will help prepare us to assist an individual in need.

The Nation Autism Association has created a form that is designed to gather basic information about individuals with special needs. This includes a photo, emergency contacts and medical need information, signs of escalation, and likes/dislikes. We feel that this form can also be used to help people that have other special needs, such as Alzheimer's disease, mental health challenges, or a traumatic brain injury.

If you are interested in providing the Police Department with this information, please complete the attached form and return it to us in the self-addressed stamped envelope or via email. If there is information that you feel we should know that is not requested on this form, please attach added information on a separate sheet.

Please feel free to call the McFarland Police Department at 608-838-3151 and ask for Officer John Miller if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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**Please know that this opportunity is voluntary and the intention of this program is to keep our children and adults safe within the McFarland community. The McFarland School District and Common Threats is only bridging the communication between the community and the McFPD, and will not share any information without the parent/guardian's permission.