

GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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GREENBELT POLICE ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH AUTISM FYI

The Greenbelt Police Department has partnered with Autism FYI in support of their National Autism Registry. Children and adults with a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum may voluntarily register.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurological and biological condition that affects a person for life. It can present with symptoms that cause major social, emotional and/or cognitive disabilities. It can present with symptoms so mild it is difficult to tell. It is often classified as Severe Autism, Mild Autism, or Asperger's Syndrome. They may have a combination of symptoms in varying degrees of severity, which is why each person's presentation is unique.

A goal of the registry is to increase the safety of the registrant and public safety employees who come into contact with them. The home address of registrants will be entered into the PSC CAD system as an alert. This means that when a call is dispatched to a location where the registrant lives, the responding officers will be made aware that a person with Autism lives at that address and be provided with identifying information. When this Records Management System goes into effect in the coming months, an alert will also be triggered if the registrant's name is run through the system.

To find out more about Autism and the organization Autism FYI please go to www.autismfyi.org and www.pathfindersforautism.org. The number for the National Registry is 1-866-487-0777.

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