

Special Needs Registry



The goal of the Special Needs Registry is to ensure all Cranford residents who may be in need of special assistance are able to get the help and support they need in a time of emergency or during any interaction with police, fire, or EMS personnel.



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What is the Cranford Police Department Special Needs Registry?

The Cranford Police Department is making it easier to help our citizens who may be lost or have trouble communicating with officers.

Our Special Needs Registry is designed for residents who may be challenged with developmental disabilities such as Autism, Dementia, Down Syndrome, or other special needs.

The program was created to better assist your loved ones who might be at a higher risk for wandering from home and getting lost. By voluntarily registering, the police will have access to personal information should they encounter an individual who has difficulty speaking or identifying themselves.



How does someone register?

The registration form is available on our department website: www.cranfordnj.org/police-department or by contacting our Community Policing Unit at 908-272-8989.

Interested family members are asked to complete a descriptive questionnaire regarding their family member, providing the registrant's height, weight, and other information useful to first-responders, such as emergency contacts, a recent photo of the individual and home address.

The information will be kept on file at headquarters and will be accessible during an encounter where an individual can't tell officers where he/she lives or in cases where a person is reported missing, so that their information and photograph are immediately available to responding police officers.

Is there a cost to register?

There is no cost to register for the program.

Is registration required?

The program is voluntary.

What happens to my information?

All information provided on your registration form is kept confidential and will only be utilized by first responders when necessary.

What are the decals?

Each registrant will receive two decals that can be placed at their residence entrance and on a car window. These decals will alert first responders that someone in the home/vehicle may have a special need and they should respond accordingly. The decal use is completely voluntary.