

## **Huron Police Department Offers Autism and Special Needs Registration Program to Better Support Residents and Families**

The Huron Police Department is offering an Autism and Special Needs Registration Program to help officers better serve residents with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental, medical, or special needs.

The voluntary program allows individuals, parents, and caregivers in Huron to share important information with the department that may assist first responders during emergencies or interactions with law enforcement. Information may include communication preferences, sensory sensitivities, medical conditions, emergency contact information, and other details that could help officers respond more effectively and compassionately.

Police officials say the registration is intended to improve communication, increase awareness, and provide officers with helpful information that can reduce stress and create safer, more positive interactions for individuals and families.

“This program helps our officers better understand and respond to the unique needs of community members who may require additional support,” the department said. “By voluntarily sharing this information, families can help us provide a more informed and compassionate response when it matters most.”

The department emphasized that participation is completely voluntary, and all information provided will be kept confidential and used only for legitimate public safety purposes.

The Autism and Special Needs Registration Program is designed to support residents during a variety of situations, including emergency responses, welfare checks, and other interactions where prior knowledge can help officers communicate and respond appropriately.

The Huron Police Department encourages individuals, families, and caregivers who may benefit from the program to learn more and consider registering.

Through programs like this, the department continues its commitment to strengthening community partnerships and ensuring every resident of Huron feels safe, respected, and supported.