

The Special Needs/Silver Alert Program enables parents, guardians, relatives or other caregivers to register information regarding persons with special needs in a police department's database. The intent of this program is to provide this information to police officers who may be responding to an emergency situation involving that person so they can better care for that person's needs. The Special Needs/Silver Alert program is designed for people with:

- Dementia (including Alzheimer's Disease)
- Developmental Disabilities (including Autism Spectrum, Mental Retardation/Intellectual Impairment)
- Severe Mental Illness
- Other cognitive disorders that may impair reasoning, resulting in a person wandering or being disorientated/lost

Persons registering for this program may also request an identification bracelet be mailed to them by filling out the Special Needs/Silver Alert Registry form. The bracelet is free of charge and contains a distinctive number first responders can utilize in contacting the police department to obtain further information regarding that person. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.suffolkpd.org> and click on the Special Needs/Silver Alert Registry link on the homepage, or contact our Special Needs Coordinator, Bernadette Zimmermann at (631) 852-6983.