



The Oak Brook Police Department Introduces A Special Needs Identification Program for Residents

A new state law took effect in August 2009 to protect special needs individuals and the Oak Brook Police Department has taken the initiative to make this program available for their residents.

The Oak Brook Police Department has developed a program for individuals with special needs to afford their at-risk residents the same access to public safety services provided to all residents. This program is designed to assist residents of Oak Brook who may be in greater risk of becoming confused, lost, disorientated or missing. This safety program supports individuals living with disabilities as well as the police officers who respond to these calls.

The Oak Brook Police Department will collect the necessary information that will allow them to make faster identifications, reunite family members quicker and provide help to persons with special needs without delay. The information is then stored in a database and is used in emergencies to help first responders identify and locate the individual in question. This program is open to anyone regardless of age. Participation is voluntary and is completely confidential which will be used only for public safety issues.

For details on Oak Brook's program or if you are interested in a family member participating in this program please contact [Officer Robin Froehlich at \(630\)368-8733](#) or [Officer Mark Kozlowski at \(630\)368-8734](#).