



WOODCLIFF LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Woodcliff Lake Community,

My name is Officer Matthew Sabbagh of the Woodcliff Lake Police Department. We are reaching out to everyone in our community who has a loved one with any type of special needs, whether it is a medical, physical or mental. We are looking to update our current program, which allows our residents to apprise us of conditions or issues your loved ones may have. This program helps us assess and react accordingly to any type of situation, whether it is an emergency or non-emergency incident.

Part of this program is creating more of a connection with the community rather than just a database. Our goal is to schedule a time to come meet with you and/or your loved one so we can get to know these individuals on a personal level. Knowing personalities, interests and preferences gives us insight on how to interact or help accordingly. Meeting individuals, in their everyday environment, will enable us to help them in a situation in which they might find themselves under emotional, mental or physical stress. We want to know what we can do to make their interaction with us as stress free as possible.

If there is a medical issue, we would like to know any information that will give us a better understanding of the condition or symptoms. This will allow the officers responding so to your home in an emergency situation the ability to be alerted to any unusual or atypical behavior, issues or reactions.

Once the initial process is accomplished, we hope to be allowed to let additional officers schedule a time to meet these residents, so they too can get to know you and/or your loved one at a time convenient for your family.

The Woodcliff Lake Police Department enjoys being a part of our community and as this program continues to be a success, we look forward to its expansion and update so future situations with residents in need remain calm and stress free. Thank you for giving this program your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

If you would like to learn more about this program or how to register, please contact:

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