The Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) has started a new Autism Decal initiative aimed at enhancing the safety and well-being of residents with autism within our community. By offering **FREE** decals to be placed on homes and vehicles, this program underscores WCSO's commitment to ensuring that all residents receive the attention they deserve during emergency situations. We chose bright colors for the decals so they could be more easily noticed by emergency responders.

When these decals are displayed **near the front door of a home** or **in the rear window of a vehicle** (in a location that doesn't obstruct driver's view), it will serve a vital function by alerting deputies and other emergency responders to the presence of a person with autism, enabling them to adjust their approach based on training, which prepares deputies to understand and effectively handle situations where an individual might not communicate in typical ways. The presence of the decal thus facilitates a safer and more effective interaction between first responders and individuals with autism, reducing the potential for misunderstandings or stressful situations for those involved.

The more information emergency personnel have when they're responding to calls for service, the better they can meet our residents' needs. Below are a few options with this program. **Please mark your preference:**

- 1. If you would like to request a **FREE** Decal email: **kcantrell@washcosoar.gov** and include your mailing address and # of decals (1-4) needed (**you do NOT need to complete the form**).
- If you live OUTSIDE Fayetteville or Springdale city limits, you can request a FREE Decal AND (if you live in Washington County) request pertinent information be entered into the WCSO Communication Center's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system so responding deputies will be aware that a person with autism lives in the home. Just complete the following form and email it to: kcantrell@washcosoar.gov.
- 3. If you live **OUTSIDE Fayetteville or Springdale city limits (but live in Washington County)** and **DO NOT** want the Decals, but would like the information to be entered into WCSO's CAD system, then complete the following form, mark **ZERO (0)** Decals, and e-mail it to **kcantrell@washcosoar.gov**.

Name of person Completing Form:				Phone Number:			
Relation to Occupant with Autism:							
Street Address:				E-Mail Address:			
City:							
Zip Code:							
Number of Stickers:	0	1	2				4
Name of Occupant with Autism:				Date of Birth:			
Comments:							
(any information							
you believe is							
pertinent)							

Email completed form to: kcantrell@washcosoar.gov

(OR)

Date:

(OR)

Mail to:



ATTN: Kelly Cantrell Washington County Sheriff's Office 1155 W. Clydesdale Drive Fayetteville, AR 72701

DROP IT OFF: During normal business hours (M-F 8:00 am to 4:30 pm) at the Washington County Sheriff's Office Administration Reception Window ATTN: Kelly Cantrell, 1155 W. Clydesdale Drive, Fayetteville, AR