



Greenwood County Sheriff's Office
Tony Davis, Sheriff

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Sheriff's Office Announces NEW "Take Me Home Project"

Greenwood, SC – The Greenwood County Sheriff's Office hosted Autism training last month. During this training officers learned about the needs of Autistic citizens. Stemming from this training is a New "Take Me Home Project". Take me home is a database developed by the Pensacola Police Department for people who may need special assistance if they are alone or in times of emergencies. The system includes a current digital picture, demographic information and caregiver contact information. The information stored in the database is information, the person with special needs, is usually not able to provide to law enforcement. If a person in the take me home system is encountered by a police officer, the officer can query the Take Me Home system, by searching by name or by the person's physical description. Once the individual's Take Me Home record has been located, the officer has the information at hand to appropriately assist the person. "This system is a great tool for the community and our agency", said Sheriff Tony Davis, "it's only as good as the information provided to us, and we need the community's help providing the information". There is no charge to our agency for using this program and there is no enrollment fee. However there is a responsibility and commitment to keep the system updated and current. This system was development to assist the autism community, but it also helps us with Alzheimer's patients, deaf citizens, and mentally disabled patients. "As long as the special needs person is registered in the Take Me Home system, we have a photo instantly when they are lost", said Sheriff Tony Davis. Caregivers are encouraged to register anyone with special needs as soon as possible. Enrollment forms are available online at (<http://www.greenwoodsc.gov/CountyWebsite/index.aspx?page=708>) or Greenwood County Sheriff's Office, 528 Edgefield Street, Greenwood 29649. If you chose to use the online form, please email the form along with a current photo of the person you are enrolling to: takemehome@greenwoodsc.gov.

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