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PROGRAM



MOHAVE COUNTY, ARIZONA

Search and Rescue

October 3, 2022



History

- Searches for those who wander have increased
(Dementia, autistic, brain injuries – to name a few)
- Oftentimes caretakers do not readily have current photos and descriptions available
(Old photos, no photos, or one from a driver's license)
- Interview process can take time
(There are a lot of variables that go into establishing a search area and getting the right resources involved)
- Constantly seeking newer tools to assist searches
- In 2018, SAR initiated bringing the Take Me Home Program to Mohave County



What is "Take Me Home"?

- The Program is for people who may need special assistance in times of emergency
- Voluntary service that gives Law Enforcement the ability to access information about a child or dependent with a communicative disability and to provide immediate care based on the information provided by the family member or legal guardian
- It is aimed at those individuals that tend to be at risk for wandering with Autism, Down's Syndrome, or other developmental or cognitive disabilities
- It is also available to assist senior citizens who have Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia



Development

- In 2018, we began research on requirements to establish the Take Me Home Program in Mohave County
- The Information Technology (IT) Department took lead in developing a system that would work with our existing County Resources.
- In Spring 2022, a beta-version was released with IT and SAR working together to bring it online.
- In August 2022, the initial version was released to the public.



Deployment

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- The program is available to any resident in Mohave County that may have trouble communicating.
 - Autism
 - Down's Syndrome
 - Developmental disability
 - Cognitive disability
 - Alzheimer's (or other forms of dementia)
- Works best from a cell phone or tablet – but can be accessed from a computer.



Training

- Currently introducing the Program to Law Enforcement
- Developing a plan to inform the Community of the Program
 - Special needs students in schools
 - At-risk adults in care facilities
 - Community events
- Program has a standard user interface
 - Form-based completion
 - Menu selection
 - Free text to enter specific details



Registration

- There is no charge for Citizens to enroll any adult or child who may have difficulty communicating due to a developmental or cognitive disability
- There is a responsibility and commitment to keep the system updated and current
- We require anyone enrolling an individual to be a family member or legal guardian



Registration

- The information is placed in a database maintained by the Mohave County Sheriff's Office
- The data is secure and only used to help identify or locate an individual and bring them home safely
- The information is not shared and only accessed by Law Enforcement in the event of an emergency

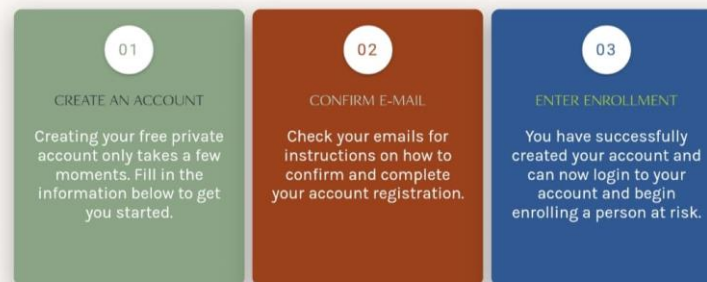


Registration

- Create a user account (requires a verifiable email address)
- Create a record for your at-risk child or dependent
 - Details include height, weight and other identifying information
 - Upload a current photo
 - Emergency contact information

To register a person in the program, complete the form below and click "Register Now".

As easy as 1, 2, 3...



Don't have an Account? Register Now.

Once you submit your registration and email will be sent to you for verification. Click on the link to complete your registration and begin registering your child or dependent.

First Name Middle Name

Last Name

Email

Password Confirm Password

[Register Now](#)



Registration

GENERAL ADDRESS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION SPECIAL INFORMATION PHOTO VEHICLE PRIMARY CONTACT

SECONDARY CONTACT

* Required

Relationship: *

Full Name: *

Address: *

City: * State: * Zip: *

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Primary: * Other:

Email:



Field Usage

- Encountering a person unable to communicate
 - Law Enforcement can search those registered
 - Take a photo and search using facial recognition
 - Search by physical characteristics
 - Search by name (may have identification card with them)
- Report of a missing endangered person
 - Law Enforcement can use information entered previously
 - Immediate access to physical description, current photos, specific behavioral characteristics, and other details



Emergencies

- **If an endangered person goes missing, call 911**
- After reporting to 911, previously entered information can be updated (if necessary) so it will be available to Law Enforcement



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Questions??