

FRANKLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

City of Franklin Police Department
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Objectives

- Introductions
- Franklin Demographic Information
- History of the Franklin Police
Department's efforts to protect at risk
populations
- What is the Special Needs Registry and
how does it work
- How has it been used
- Conclusions

Introductions

◎ Sgt. Jeremy Fadness

- 19 years experience
 - 13 years as a Patrol Officer
 - 5 years as a Detective(Sensitive Crimes)
 - 1 years as a Sergeant
- I have the distinct honor of being the first Sergeant to be promoted from the Detective Bureau on our department

DEMOGRAPHICS

◎ City of Franklin

- Founded in 1956
 - To avoid annexation from Milwaukee
- Named after Benjamin Franklin
- Approximately 36 square miles
 - Includes business, farms, and neighborhoods
- Population 35,520

POLICE DEPARTMENT

◎ Structure

- 59 Sworn Officers
 - Chief of Police
 - Inspector
 - 3 Captains
 - 8 Sergeants
 - 49 Officers
 - 43 Patrol Officers
 - 5 Detectives
 - 1 School Resource Officer

History of PROTECTING AT Risk POPULATIONS

- ◎ Prior to modern computing was not an easy task
- ◎ 1970' and 1980's
 - Records were kept manually on 3x5 cards
 - Franklin was more rural
 - A program was in place for the elderly residents
 - They would receive 2 phone calls per day
 - Gave them someone to talk to, and we would assess their needs

Special Needs Registry

⦿ How it came about

- 2013 the program was implemented
 - In response to incidents in policing where police did not have all of the information when dealing with at risk individuals
 - Example Milwaukee PD in-custody death
 - Program is Data driven
 - Much easier for us now
 - Police have historically been behind in this area
 - Funding
 - Lack of interest
 - Arrogance

What is the Special Needs Registry

- ◎ The City of Franklin Police Department recognizes that some members of our community may have special needs or may react a little different when they come in contact with someone unfamiliar to them, such as a police officer or firefighter
 - With that in mind, we have created a Special Needs Registry
 - Where parents or caregivers can provide us with information that will help us have a more informed response
 - The Special Needs Registry is available for all ages, whether the condition is physical, emotional or medical.
 - We have found this to be especially helpful for families with autistic children and those caring for the elderly who have Alzheimer's or Dementia.

Current Status

- ◎ Currently we have 13 participants
 - It has been used successfully on 1 occasion
 - We have promoted the program through
 - Website (City/Police)
 - Local news media
 - Facebook
 - And specifically targeted enrollment drives
 - National Night Out
 - Safety Days
 - Group PD Tours

Successful Use

- ◎ April 2018
- ◎ Target Store on Hwy 100 and Drexel Ave
- ◎ Incident
 - Autistic child had wandered away from home/Mother called our department
 - Officers were sent to Target based on information in the registry
 - Officers located the child and were able to handle him without incident due to information in the registry, and reunite him with his mother

Conclusion

- ① The Franklin Police Department is committed to implementing more data driven police responses.
- ① Historically we have always tried to be responsive to our at risk populations.
- ① The Special Needs Registry and it's success is important to the overall protection of our community

Questions

