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Project Safe Response Launched in Calumet County

Chilton – The Calumet County ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) has launched Project Safe Response, a free service that provides first responders with critical information when responding to calls involving community members with dementia, autism, or other cognitive impairments. This knowledge will aid in response efforts and alerts, as needed, if the person wanders or has communication barriers.

Project Safe Response ensures that Law Enforcement is equipped with critical insight into the person's condition and can approach these situations with empathy, understanding, and a tailored approach. This program also allows community members or caregivers an opportunity to proactively provide that information so first responders can be more informed when contacted for service.

Project Safe Response is a collaborative effort amongst ADRC, the Calumet County Sheriff's Office, and the Police Departments of Brillion, Chilton, New Holstein, Menasha, and Kiel. It will be managed by our ADRC office, and residents or their caregivers can enroll in the program by completing a form online (www.calumetcounty.org/ProjectSafeResponse) or in our office at the Calumet County Courthouse, 206 Court Street in Chilton. This project is offered to county residents who live alone or with their families.

"We are excited to bring Project Safe Response to Calumet County, not only does it give law enforcement advance alert of people in our community who may elope or wander, but it also gives family members ease of mind that proper care will be taken if an emergency ever arises with their loved one." Said Nancy Krueger, Dementia Care Specialist with Calumet County ADRC.

"The Calumet County Sheriff's Office, along with our local law enforcement partners, are excited to be a part of Project Safe Response. This program provides law enforcement with person-specific information, which will allow us to handle these incidents more efficiently and effectively," Derek Bries, Chief Deputy with the Calumet County Sheriff's Office said. "Our goal is to help locate individuals who may have wandered in the fastest and safest way possible. Project Safe Response gives us additional tools to accomplish this goal."

For additional information, please visit www.calumetcounty.org/ProjectSafeResponse or call the ADRC Office at (920) 849-1451.

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