

Take Me Home



Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh and Sheriff Drew Alexander announcing the Take Me Home Program

Sheriff Drew Alexander and **Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh** are pleased to partner on a Summit County initiative to better support those with disabilities who may need extra help communicating in an emergency situation.

The **Take Me Home** program allows for the rapid identification and safe return of citizens who are unable to adequately communicate vital information — such as their name and address — to law enforcement officers. Those who are registered in this program are placed in a database that officers can access via radio and sometimes laptops in their cruisers.

ENROLLMENT IS EASY

The **Take Me Home** program is a database maintained by the Sheriff and Prosecutor's Office and is only accessible to law enforcement personnel. The system includes a picture, disability, description, and contacts. If a person in the **Take Me Home** program is encountered alone by a police officer, or is reported missing, the officer can access the database by name or the person's description to locate their enrollment record. With the information at hand, the officer can appropriately assist the person.

STEP 1: Enrollment

Enroll the individual in the **Take Me Home** system by filling out the enclosed registration form and either emailing a photo or having one taken by our office. For registration information, go to:



www.co.summit.oh.us/Prosecutor

www.co.summit.oh.us/Sheriff

Look for the **Take Me Home** logo.



STEP 2: Emergency

If a registered individual is found alone by law enforcement and needs help, police will search the **Take Me Home** database.



If the registered person is reported missing, it is never too soon to call 9-1-1, especially if they are disabled. The first hour is critical in finding a lost child. Inform the police that the individual is registered in the **Take Me Home** database.



STEP 3: Safe

Caregivers will be contacted immediately to let them know the person has been found.

Take Me Home
is a free service offered to the
citizens of Summit County

Take Me Home Partners



We would like to thank and acknowledge the Pensacola, Florida Police Department for developing this software and sharing it — free of charge — with the citizens of Summit County.

Thank you to all of our partners:

The Autism Society of America, Akron
The Alzheimer's Association, Akron
Akron Police Department
Barberton Police Department
Bath Township Police Department
Boston Heights Police Department
Copley Police Department
Cuyahoga Falls Police Department
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Mogadore Police Department
Munroe Falls Police Department
New Franklin Police Department
Northfield Village Police Department
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Silver Lake Police Department
Springfield Township Police Department
Stow Police Department
Summit County Sheriff's Office
Tallmadge Police Department
Twinsburg Police Department
University of Akron Police Department
Wadsworth Police Department



Take Me Home assists individuals who may have trouble communicating, such as individuals with autism, Down Syndrome, developmental or cognitive disabilities. **Take Me Home** is also intended to assist senior citizens who have dementia or Alzheimer's.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER FOR TAKE ME HOME, VISIT:

www.co.summit.oh.us/Prosecutor

www.co.summit.oh.us/Sheriff

Contacts:

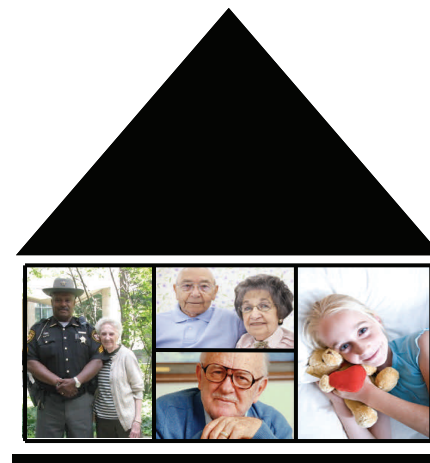
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