



MEDIA RELEASE

Temple Police Department offers Special Needs stickers for residents *Stickers are available for free at the TPD lobby*

TEMPLE, TX (March 22, 2023) – The Temple Police Department is now offering free Special Needs stickers to all Temple residents.

Those receiving the stickers are instructed to display them at a prominent location on or near the front door of their residence where an approaching first responder may see it.

The stickers display the following text:

“A person with special needs lives here; be aware that simple instructions may not be understood.”

The department understands that for people living with special needs, interactions with police officers can be especially stressful. They hope the sticker can serve as a new tool to assist with daily interactions with community members.

“As police officers, when we go to a scene, we don’t know what we are walking into. But seeing one of these stickers can give us a better idea of who lives inside a home,” said Temple Police Department Chief Shawn Reynolds. “Having that knowledge will indicate if we need to change our approach.”

The stickers are available for free at the Temple Police Department lobby located at 209 E. Ave. A.

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An image of the sticker is attached to this email. For television outlets, a VOSOT link is provided in the body of the email.