**FRONT OF ENVELOPE:**

**DRIVER IS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM**

YOUR
LOGO

The officer is here to help keep you and others safe

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* Keep your hands on the steering wheel unless otherwise directed, even if the officer is not at your car
* The officer may shine a flashlight in your car, may have a radio, and may have flashing lights on their car.
* When the officer gets to your car, let me know you have a blue envelope, answer the officer’s questions, and ask the officer for permission before moving any parts of your body

***POLICE OFFICER AUTISM AWARENESS GUIDE ON BACK OF THIS ENVELOPE***

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**BACK OF ENVELOPE:**

**IMPORTANT VEHICLE PAPERS**DRIVER’S LICENSE | VEHICLE REGISTRATION | VEHICLE INSURANCE CARD | CONTACT CARD

**COMMUNICATION STATUS**The driver uses the following method(s) to communicate

\_\_\_\_\_vocal speech \_\_\_\_\_sign language \_\_\_\_\_ pictures \_\_\_\_\_electronic device \_\_\_\_\_ writing

**POLICE OFFICER**

* Driver may exbibit signs of anxiety due to bright lights and noises (e.g., your radio)
* Allow driver extra time to respond. Driver may need more time to formulate a response.
* Speak clearly and use the most simplistic explanations possible. Avoid unnecessary detail.
* Driver may display repetitive body movements or fidgeting and have unusual eye contact.
* Autistic individuals may have unusual responses to authority figures. Please show patience.
* If the driver becomes upset, consider contacting the person listed on the contact card in the envelope.
* Clearly tell the driver when the stop is over and they can leave.