

Dear Members of Local Law Enforcement,

I hope this letter finds you well, and I am a resident of your town. I have a family member on the autism spectrum, and we are committed to ensuring their safety and well-being, as well as fostering a positive relationship with you as our local law enforcement.

We believe that building a strong, understanding relationship between our family and local police can be mutually beneficial. Therefore, we would like to request a meet and greet with your department's autism liaison or officer from your community engagement division. We are eager to make an initial introduction and discuss ways we can work together to support my family member.

We are also interested in learning more about any autism-friendly practices as identified by Autism New Jersey (www.autismnj.org/LE) that your department may have in place. Understanding how your officers are trained to interact with individuals on the autism spectrum and what procedures are established to ensure their safety is paramount to us. We believe that having this knowledge will help us feel more secure and supported by our local law enforcement.

We are flexible with the format of this meeting. We are happy to come to the police station, or if it is more convenient, we could arrange for a meeting at our home or community space where our family member feels comfortable.

Please let us know a suitable time for this meeting. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response. Thank you for considering our request. We hope to establish a proactive and supportive relationship with your department.

Warm regards,