



Request for Meet and Greet with Local Law Enforcement

Dear Community Member,

We hope this letter finds you well. At our department, we are committed to fostering a safe, understanding, and inclusive environment for all members of our community. We know that building strong relationships with our autism community is crucial, and we would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to set up a meet-and-greet.

We would be happy to welcome you to our police station at a mutually convenient time for an opportunity to meet our officers, tour our facilities, and learn more about how we work to keep our community safe. This will be a one-on-one meet and greet where you can ask questions, express any concerns or challenges, and allow us to get to know you and your family.

Understanding that visiting the police station might not be comfortable for everyone, we are also happy to offer home visits or arrange community meetups at a place where you feel most at ease. Our goal is to accommodate your needs and preferences, ensuring that our interactions are as comfortable and beneficial as possible.

At our department we are continually striving to improve our understanding and practices to better serve the autism community. Autism New Jersey (www.autismnj.org/LE) has identified several important Autism Friendly Practices for law enforcement including some that our department engages in. We would be happy to share with you which practices our department currently has in place.

We are eager to hear from you about how we can further enhance our practices and what specific accommodations or considerations would be most helpful in our interactions. Please tell us if you want to schedule a meet-and-greet, a home visit, or a community meet-up.

We look forward to the opportunity to meet you and your family and work together to build a safer and more inclusive community. Thank you for considering this invitation, and we hope to hear from you soon.

Warm regards,