



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Warren Police Department Integrates SAVES Project Resources to Improve Support for Vulnerable Persons**

The Warren Police Department is proud to announce a significant new community resource initiative in partnership with the SAVES Project to better support individuals with cognitive and developmental differences. This partnership with the SAVES Project, a nonprofit founded in 2025 that specializes in autism education for first responders, aims to foster empathy and improve communication between law enforcement and vulnerable community members.

On Thursday, April 2, 2026, the Department will host a community event from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Warren City Hall in the first-floor conference room to introduce these resources to the public. At this event, informational presentations will occur at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Families can ask questions, meet the team, and learn how the program benefits their household. Warren Police staff and SAVES Project organizers will be on-site to answer questions and assist families who wish to voluntarily register a loved one who may need specialized support during emergencies.

The SAVES Project registry is a confidential tool that includes communication preferences, triggers, calming strategies, medical considerations, and emergency contacts. This information is accessed by first responders only during relevant calls for service to ensure the safety of all involved. The program is offered free of charge and is specifically designed to protect the dignity of the individual.

A central feature of this initiative is the Blue Envelope Program, which utilizes specialized envelopes to hold a driver's identification and registration. These envelopes provide practical guidance to officers and help reduce stress for vulnerable individuals during traffic stops or vehicle encounters. Additionally, the SAVES Project offers identification cards to help non-speaking persons be easily and safely identified by emergency personnel.

To ensure the long-term success of this program, Warren Police officers on every shift are receiving specialized training on how to recognize vulnerable persons and facilitate the registration process for the SAVES Project moving forward. The Department has utilized grant and other funding to obtain a significant supply of Blue Envelopes, which are now being offered to the public free of charge. Caregivers and family members of any vulnerable person are

strongly encouraged to visit the lobby of the Warren Police Department headquarters to pick up a Blue Envelope and additional program information.

Warren Police Commissioner Eric Hawkins emphasized the importance of learning together as a community. Commissioner Hawkins stated that “providing resources that foster clear, respectful communication is fundamental to modern policing. By making the SAVES Project’s resources readily available, we are taking a significant step to ensure that interactions with our most vulnerable community members are handled with the highest level of understanding and care. We encourage all eligible families to utilize the Blue Envelope Program and supporting materials, which will enhance communication and promote a safer environment for everyone involved”.

For more information about the SAVES Project and the resources available, please visit [www.saveproject.com](http://www.saveproject.com) or email [support@saveproject.com](mailto:support@saveproject.com)

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