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Ogle County Sheriff Gregory Beitel and Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby announce information on Public Act 96-0788, the Premise Alert Program for all the citizens of Ogle County.

On August 28, 2009, the Illinois Legislature passed Public Act 96-0788, the Illinois Premise Alert Program. This act requires that Public Safety Agencies with computer aided dispatch systems implement this program. The Premise Alert Program was designed to compile and maintain a database of subscribers with special needs. This program is recommended for persons with chronic physical and/or mental disability.

A disability is defined as a condition of physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities. Written permission will be required and may be obtained from the individual, a parent, a guardian, a family member, or a caregiver of the individual.

A registration form will include information on the subscribers address as the database is linked to their address. The information provided will then be relayed to emergency response agencies, including police, fire and ambulance personnel during the emergency. Subscribers must sign a waiver acknowledging that their special needs information may be broadcast over public safety communications media.

The information is kept on file for a period of two (2) years. If the information is not updated at that time, the record will be removed from the system. It is the responsibility of the subscriber to update any information during that 2-year period as well.

The forms are available at this time at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office and Rochelle Police Department. In the near future they will be available at the local police departments, various senior service organizations, city and village halls.

Any questions regarding this program may be directed to the Ogle County Sheriff's Office at 103 Jefferson St. Oregon (815-732-6666) or for residents of Rochelle, the Rochelle Police Department at 416 N. 6th Street (562-2131).