

## Alzheimer's Registration Program

The Smyrna Police Department fully understands the hard roles that caretakers have who are taking care of a loved one who is suffering from the effects of Alzheimer's or dementia. In the blink of an eye, a victim of Alzheimer's or dementia can slip past you, and the uneasiness of loss can overwhelm an individual. Therefore we have a program that we hope will assist the Police Department in finding your loved one.



The Smyrna Police Department has implemented an Alzheimer's registration program for residents who have a family member with this disease. People with Alzheimer's disease can wander from a safe environment anytime or any place and become lost (even in familiar settings). This can be life-threatening for the individual. Wandering can be caused by several factors, including: medication side effects, stress, confusion related to time, restlessness, agitation, anxiety, inability to recognize familiar people, places, and objects, fear arising from the misinterpretation of sights and sounds, or the desire to fulfill former obligations, such as going to work or looking after a child.

The purpose of this program is to help police identify these persons should they wander off from their place of residence or caretaker. If you would like to register a person who has Alzheimer's, come to the Smyrna Police Department and complete the Alzheimer's Registration Form. Please bring two (2) different photographs of the individual. Also, you can also register nationally through the Alzheimer's Association by calling 1.888.572.8566 or on their website at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

Additional information is available at the local Mid South Chapter at [www.alz.org/altn/](http://www.alz.org/altn/) or by calling 1.800.272.3900.