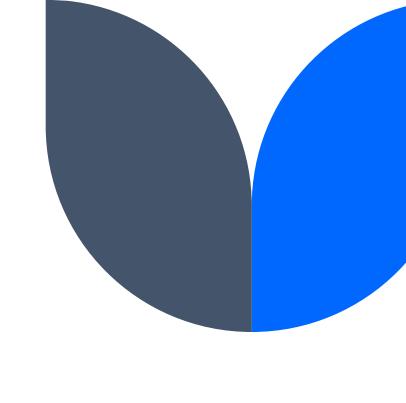
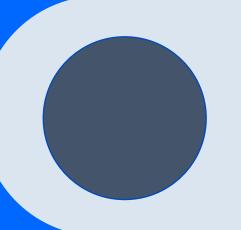


PROJECT GUARDIAN





San Mateo Police

Jeanine Luna, Community Relations Officer

Background

- San Mateo Police Officers' Association & Autism
- 2017 Relationship with Gloria Brown grows and her story sets the tone for change
- June 21, 2022, we begin to brainstorm & research a potential program

Harris County Sheriff's – Project Guardian (autism based)

Newport News Police, Virginia – Project Guardian (autism based)

- *San Diego County Sheriff's Take Me Home Registry (all)
- September 17, 2022, SMPD Project Guardian rolled out to the public

WHAT IS

PROJECT GUARDIAN ?



Project Guardian is...

- A step toward improving our department's engagement with community members who may be vulnerable, have special needs, or react differently when contacted by law enforcement.
- A free, VOLUNTARY, CONFIDENTIAL registry that encourages caregivers, family members, and loved ones to submit background information and a photo of the vulnerable person that law enforcement can access if needed.
- Another tool in the officer's toolbelt.

- The information obtained from the registry is entered into a confidential database maintained by SMPD.
- Once enrolled, families are mailed a
 Project Guardian decal to place on their
 front door or window to notify officers
 someone in the residence is enrolled in the
 program.
- Some examples of the type of info we are looking for should include:
 - Diagnosis
 - Favorite locations
 - Behaviors and triggers
 - Calming measures

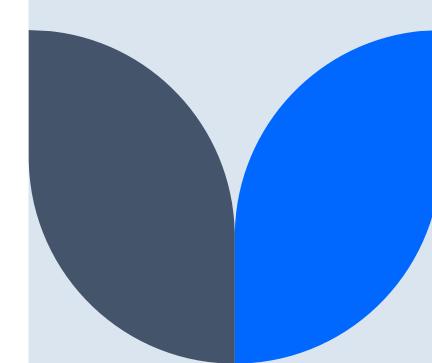


- In the event of an emergency or call for service involving the vulnerable person, the critical information provided will be accessible to the responding officer.
- Live 911

HICCUPS:

- Privacy concerns
- Don't live in our jurisdiction
- Interest, but no follow through





Officer Training



Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) – 40 Hours



September 2020 – "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" – Alzheimer's Assoc.



June 2021 - Therapy K9 "Rookie" Identified & Certified



December 2021 – Community Wellness and Crisis Response Team (CWCRT)



May 2022 – Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Training – Johns Hopkins Hospital

Timeline

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Sep 2020 - May 2022

9/20 – Department receives
Alzheimer's & dementia training

9/21 - Rookie is introduced

12/21 - CWCRT rolled out

5/22 – ASD training for officers



Jun 2022 - Sep 2022

June – Research & development September – Roll out Project Guardian



Oct 2022

County receives \$500,000 in State funding to expand CWCRT program.

 Intention to augment and provide training for first responders when interacting with individuals living with neurodegenerative disease which affects behavior.

California Assembly Bill AB 21 – in committee

Revise training to include instruction on how to effectively interact with persons with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

May 2023

Goal is to continue to promote Project Guardian as a viable database to assist first responders and encourage caregivers to register.

Present

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I am proud of the work being done in San Mateo County to respond more effectively and appropriately to 9-1-1 calls involving those who are experiencing some form of crisis. I am extremely pleased that state funding will provide additional financial support and allow for training so responders can effectively interact with those who have Alzheimer's or dementia."

- Then Assembly Speaker pro Tem, now Congressman, Kevin Mullin