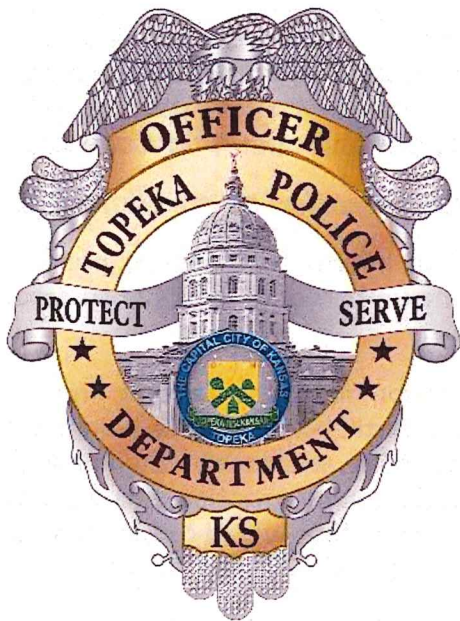


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How do I enroll an individual in the **TAKE ME** HOME program?

Enroll online.

Go to **topeka.org** and follow these steps by selecting:

- ♦ government
- ♦ department
- ♦ police department
- ♦ support services, (on the left side of the screen)
- ♦ **Take Me** Home program
- ♦ how to Enroll
- ♦ apply online for the **Take Me** Home program.

Complete the application and upload photos.

No computer? Come to the Law Enforcement Center located at **320**

S Kansas Ave, Suite 100 to complete the enrollment information sheet and have a digital photo taken of the person being enrolled. Appointment available upon request.



The **TAKE ME** HOME Program



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TAKE ME HOME Program

TAKE ME HOME was developed by the Pensacola, FL Police Department for people who may need special assistance during an emergency. This kind of assistance may be required for people:

- ♦ unable to speak
- ♦ properly identify themselves
- ♦ become disorientated
- ♦ act in a manner that could be misinterpreted by first responders.

The system includes a current digital picture, demographic information and caregiver contacts.

If a person enrolled in the **TAKE ME HOME** program is encountered by law enforcement, the officer can query an internal data base by searching by the name or by the person's physical description.

Once the individual's **TAKE ME HOME** record has been located, the officer has the information available to assist the person.



How Does the Program Work?

Families or individuals may contact the *Topeka Police Department* and submit a **TAKE ME HOME** form containing a recent digital photo, height, weight, and other demographic information as well as emergency contact information.

This information is placed in a database that can be quickly accessed in a law enforcement vehicle or at the *Law Enforcement Center*. If officers find someone who is unable to communicate where he or she lives, they can search the database by description and return the person to their loved ones. The system also works in reverse: if a loved one goes missing, their picture and description is immediately available.

TAKE ME HOME is voluntary for citizens to participate and all information is kept confidential. There is **no charge** to the agencies for the program and there is **no enrollment fee**.

Enrollers are asked to keep the information on file updated and current, including a new digital photo of the person enrolled taken periodically.

Who may enroll in the **TAKE ME HOME** program?

Any adult OR child who may have difficulty communicating due to a developmental or cognitive disability. These individuals tend to be at risk for wandering and may include people with Alzheimer's, Autism, Dementia, Down Syndrome, etc.

Anyone enrolling an individual is to be a family member, legal guardian or is turning in a signed enrollment form on the behalf of the individual's family with their permission

Individuals who do NOT qualify for enrollment include people with ONLY physical disabilities, hearing or visual impairment, anyone who is able to communicate via translator/interpreter and children who have not reached developmentally appropriate age for speech.

What is needed at enrollment time?

Contact information: address, names and phone numbers of at least **(3)** emergency contacts.

Information about the person being enrolled (date of birth, hair/eye color, height, weight, disability, what school they attend, medication information and any other information that would assist when having contact with the individual.

The individual being enrolled **needs to be present** at enrollment so a current digital photo may be taken.

