

HAWTHORNE SPECIAL NEEDS AWARENESS PROGRAM PROPOSAL

PRESENTOR

Sergeant Jerome Michalczak

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CITY OF HAWTHORNE POPULATION

+/- 88,000

NATIONAL AVERAGE OF SPECIAL NEEDS INDIVIDUALS
IN THE US IS AROUND 15%

IN OUR CITY THAT TRANSLATES TO ABOUT 13,000 RESIDENTS
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

THESE NEEDS COULD BE THE RESULT OF

- Autism
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Visual Impairment
- Diabetes
- Asperger Syndrome
- Seizure Disorder
- Bipolar Disorder
- Post Stroke
- Cerebral Palsy
- Parkinson's
- Down Syndrome
- Developmental Disability
- Epilepsy/Seizures
- Emotional Disturbance
- Hearing Impairment
- Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- Schizophrenia



WHAT TO LOOK FOR?



ROUGH DRAFT OF THE STICKER



POSSIBLE FRONT DOOR PLACEMENT



POSSIBLE FRONT WINDOW PLACEMENT

HOW DOES THIS ALIGN WITH OUR CITY VISION?

GUIDED BY G.P.S.



GROWTH

GROWTH REQUIRES AWARENESS

By displaying these stickers it gives our employees a means of cultivating awareness by recognizing that the person they come into contact with may not understand everything happening and to respond in a more empathetic and meaningful way.



PROGRESS

This initiative represents a **forward-thinking approach** to public safety by equipping first responders with the awareness they need to provide **effective and compassionate assistance**. It showcases the city's dedication to **modernizing emergency response** strategies in line with evolving community needs.



SERVICE

By offering this sticker, the city enhances its **public safety services**, ensuring that emergency personnel have the information they need to assist vulnerable residents. This reflects the city's commitment to **accessibility, preparedness, and community well-being**.



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR TIME

PRESENTER
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