

## “BLUE SHEET” First Responder Information-Description

This form, with the permission and knowledge of the client and/or guardian, can be given to first responders who respond to calls for assistance. Providing any suggestions from the client’s team may assist in the decisions they make during the course of a police and/or fire response.

The demographic and contact information at the top provides follow-up contact names and numbers, a physical description of the client, whether the client takes medications, and also provides information about supports currently in place for the individual.

In the first narrative box entitled **“What should first responders know to best support this individual?”** the following types of information should be considered for inclusion:

- An individual’s ability to understand and communicate
- A brief description of problem or dangerous behaviors and/or mental illness
- How the individual feels about first responders (e.g. fearful, dependent, combative, etc.)
- What typically upsets the individual
- The primary functions of the problem behavior (if identified)
- The role of service providers (if any)
- Any medical or physical problems that make the individual vulnerable
- Whether the individual uses assistive devices for mobility, communication and/or other critical functions

In the second narrative box entitled **“Describe potential interventions for first responders suggested by the Individual Support Team,”** the following types of information should be considered for inclusion:

- Effective ways to communicate, and words or statements to avoid that may exacerbate the client’s behavior
- The presence of a condition which may be related to the behavior of concern that might warrant an evaluation at the ER rather than an arrest or legal intervention (diabetes, seizures, etc.)
- Immediately available additional resources that might be helpful should officers decide against taking an individual into custody or if additional assistance is needed in response to an emergency
- Whether community mental health supports might be available to the individual, and how to reach a crisis team if that is an available resource

The client and/or guardian signature is required, and the form needs to be reviewed and signed by the client/guardian once a year. Please be sure that appropriate contact information is up to date at all times.

Please also attach a photo of the individual to this form in case police are asked to respond to a missing person call. As stated on the form, suggestions in this narrative in no way, are meant to restrict the discretion officers have in making decisions regarding their response.

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Keep this form readily available. This will help first responders understand how to best interact with this individual when responding in an emergency.

*Please Attach Photo*

Name:		Date updated:	
Address:		Phone:	
Guardian: Yes No		DOB:	
Guardian (if applicable):		Phone:	
Ht:	Wt:	Hair:	Mobility issues:

Residential Company:	Phone:
Residential Contact:	Phone:
Behavioral Consultant:	Phone:
Mental Health Provider:	Phone:
Preferred Hospital:	
<b>Medications available via the Medication Administration Record located in every home.</b>	

What should first responders know to best support this individual?

Describe potential interventions for first responders suggested by the Individual Support Team:

*This form is intended to be/act as a support to this individual. Please assure this is reviewed no less than annually and kept up to date with appropriate information. Client or Legal Guardian Signature is required.*

Guardian/Individual Consent:	date:
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**First Responders: Do not remove from home or take pictures of this sheet.**