

RETURN HOME REGISTRY

The Torrance Police Department's Return Home Registry is an innovative program designed to assist officers in locating lost or wandering persons when they go missing from their home or caregivers. Because these can be critical times, the program assists in getting vital information to law enforcement personnel to assist in locating your loved ones sooner. The goal of this registry is simply to reunite families as soon as possible

Police Officers frequently respond to calls from citizens with requests for assistance in locating loved ones. This searchable database will provide police officers with the vital information they need to locate and return your family members. The database will allow officers in the field to find information, including photographs, of missing persons to help identify persons they locate who cannot identify themselves and/or remember where they live. It will greatly reduce the amount of time needed to successfully reunite missing persons with their loved ones.

This voluntary program is offered at no cost to participants and is geared towards persons of all ages who suffer from conditions that would make it more difficult for them to find their way home, such as persons with Alzheimer's, autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome or other debilitating illnesses and children with special needs. This program is NOT for persons who voluntarily run away from home for other reasons and/or have behavioral issues not related to a special need.



The Return Home Registry will be used in two ways:

- When a loved one or caregiver notifies the police department that their loved one is missing, information will already be on-hand and our officers will have the tools to better locate and return the individual home. This information will include physical description, photographs and any prior history that would allow our officers to locate the person (i.e., the person likes to walk to a favorite store, likes train tracks, likes airplanes, etc.). This information will be used to begin searching for the missing person.
- When an officer contacts an individual that appears to be lost or confused, they can quickly query the database in an attempt to identify the person and determine where they live. Participants in this program will be returned home much more quickly using this information.

The Return Home Registry is compliant with the Health Insurance

Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and does not collect or disseminate medical information.

This program does not guarantee the safe return of your loved ones, but it will provide officers with an additional tool to locate and return your loved one.

For more information you can contact the Community Affairs Division at (310) 618-6391 or 618-6392 or you can e-mail us at CommunityAffairs@torrnet.com. You will need basic information such as name, date of birth, address, etc. to complete the form. Sign-ups will be allowed from family members or legal guardians/caregivers only. ■