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Bayonne Police Department Launches Initiative for Special Needs Registry

The Bayonne Police Department is proud to announce the launch of its new Special Needs Registry Initiative, a voluntary program designed to help first responders serve and protect better the members of our community with special needs. Police Chief Joseph Scerbo said, "This registry provides families and caregivers with a secure and confidential way to share important information that may assist police officers and emergency responders during interactions or emergencies." Chief Scerbo continued, "Our goal is to strengthen communication, improve understanding, and enhance the safety and well-being of individuals with special needs throughout Bayonne."

To introduce this initiative officially, the Bayonne Police Department Community Outreach Unit will host a Special Needs Community Event on Thursday, June 11, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Bayonne Community Museum, 229-231 Broadway at 9th Street.

This family-friendly event will include: pizza and refreshments, music, police coloring pages and activities, and opportunities to meet officers and learn about the program. Families will also be able to register for the Special Needs Registry during the event. You can also register here: <https://form.jotform.com/261344040157044>

For additional information, please contact the Community Outreach Unit by office phone at (201) 858-6906, by cell phone at (201) 360-7706, or by email at SNR@bayonnepd.org

Chief Scerbo concluded, "Together, we can continue building a safer, more inclusive, and understanding community for all."