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# DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING

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## General Notice 24-03

**To:** Chief Law Enforcement Officers  
Training Officers  
Satellite Academies

**From:** Karen Boisvert  
Police Academy Administrator

**Date:** February 22, 2024

**Subject:** Public Act 23-137 - An Act Concerning Resources and Support Service for Persons with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability, specifically (Sections 6 & 7)  
Bring Me Back Home Registry and Database

In accordance with Public Act 23-137, Bring Me Back Home (BMBH) is a new confidential and secure registry and database which allows law enforcement access to information to assist in the recovery of missing or wandering persons. The registry, which is accessible through the COLLECT system helps first responders and families reunite with individuals living with cognitive challenges.

A family member or caregiver can register online through a secure portal on the DESPP website [Bring Me Back Home \(ct.gov\)](https://bringmebackhome.ct.gov). The registration provides law enforcement access to the following information:

- Most current picture
- Basic information such as name, preferred name, date of birth, phone and address, physical description
- Vehicle information
- Medical diagnosis/disability information
- Any previous wandering locations they may go to
- Communication methods
- Notable behaviors they may exhibit
- Calming methods
- Emergency Contacts

An individual or caregiver who does not wish to or cannot access a computer can fill out a printed version of the form, created by the Department of Emergency Services and Public

Protection and bring it to their local police department for input or request assistance entering the information. Upon receipt of a completed form the local police department shall record the information provided on such form in a searchable electronic database maintained by the department (COLLECT), and make the database available to each police officer employed by the department for purposes of determining whether a child or adult with an intellectual disability or other developmental disabilities, including, but not limited to, autism spectrum disorder, a cognitive impairment or nonverbal learning disorder, resides at an address to which such police officer is responding. An individual who desires the deletion of their record can request that their information be removed from the database by emailing [bringmebackhomesupport@ct.gov](mailto:bringmebackhomesupport@ct.gov).

Data from the registry is currently accessible to law enforcement through use of the Collect V2 application. If a missing person is reported and/or a Silver Alert is broadcast, dispatchers and officers should search or request a search of the Bring Me Back Home database for additional information. This additional information will assist in search strategy, contact methods and allows for a better understanding of how to interact with individuals who are located. The registry information can also help assist law enforcement with someone who is unable to communicate where he/she lives. The registry is currently only available by using Collect V2 on a collect terminal. MDT access is currently in progress and will be activated in the near future.

On or after July 15, 2024, any municipal police department may make copies of the attached form available in a publicly accessible area of their department. The Bring Me Back Home Registry Enrollment Form (DESPP-1159-C *New 12/5/23*) is published on the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection website.

Questions or comments may be directed to [DPS.COLLECT.UNIT@CT.gov](mailto:DPS.COLLECT.UNIT@CT.gov).

References: Bring Me Back Home Training PowerPoint  
Bring Me Back Home Registry Enrollment Form (DESPP-1159-C *New 12/5/23*)  
Public Act 23 – 137