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# CITY OF GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The City of Groton Police Department has collaborated with the Town of Stonington to bring the concept of its Connecticut Council of Municipalities Award Winning CASS system to serve citizens at risk on the Autism Spectrum. Our City has worked diligently to expand the concept we acquired from Stonington, and seek to meet needs of a more diverse pool of residents. Our agency and Mayor Hedrick are pleased to announce that we will be initiating a new program called the CARD system. CARD or (CITIZENS AT RISK DATABASE) is an all-voluntary initiative that will allow first responders to be aware of the unique needs of residents in an effort to serve them more efficiently. This program will continue to serve those on the Autism Spectrum, but will expand it, again on a voluntary basis to dementia or serious medical conditions or any fear of a medical condition that could cause an individual to wander or put themselves at risk.

Even if an individual is currently registered with other agencies to alert them to potential needs, if they spend time with family, or work in the City of Groton, we welcome them to enter our database and work with us so as we could serve their needs. This would be available should they need assistance, and allow us to have our database as a cross agency check available for neighboring agencies if needed.

Our database is open to all City of Groton residents, and to those who work in the city or have family here. This database is all-voluntary, and designed to assist individuals at risk who may have contact with our Department, or other emergency services we collaborate with during a time of their need. Our goal is better service, and to ensure and facilitate the safety of these individuals and prepare all frontline Emergency services that may be in contact and called to action in a time of need or crisis.

We now turn to our community for its help. If you know of individuals that fit human needs as described above, please contact our personnel listed below. It is our sincere hope that they never have to utilize this system but our goal is to have it ready as a tool to assist in a time of need and help first responders be better prepared to deal with any crisis or situation that arises. We are providing a link below to click on for an application that will help us update our database. We ask that you download the form fill it out and mail it to the address we will list below, or drop it off at the police station in a sealed envelope attention one of the police personnel listed. We ask you to provide us with a current picture and please provide the requested pertinent information to enable us to serve you in your time of need.

We thank you for your continued support and your patience with us as we roll out this expanded program to meet the needs of our most vulnerable.

## AT RISK RESIDENT FORM

<https://cityofgroton.com/download/Police%20Department/forms/GCPD-Citizens-At-Risk-Database-System-Form-11-Dec-2020.pdf>

Voice: (860) 445-2451  
FAX: (860) 446-4168  
[www.cityofgroton.com](http://www.cityofgroton.com)

Please contact one of the following listed personnel we are assigning to populate our Database and we are providing a bi lingual Spanish speaking Officer to facilitate this process.

Ms. Juliette Parker

CARD Database Advocate

[parkerj@cityofgroton-ct.gov](mailto:parkerj@cityofgroton-ct.gov)

860-445-2451

Officer Stephanie Contreras

CARD Database Liaison Officer

[contrerass@cityofgroton-ct.gov](mailto:contrerass@cityofgroton-ct.gov)

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Attention to either at:

City of Groton Police Department CARD SYSTEM

Attention: Office of Chief of Police

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Our agency will be upgrading our computer networks to accommodate this program in late December. We will train our personnel on its use in early January. Our goal is to have this up and in place by January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We also want to thank publicly the generosity of Mr. Jim Streeter whose donation made this possible, and recognize the advocacy and assistance of Stonington Human Services Director Leanne Theodore, her staff and private citizen Mrs. Crystal Wilcox.

With enduring respect for our Community we serve,

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