

Enrollment:

Contact BPD North Star Program for information on upcoming registration drives in your community and for additional information on the program.

Enrollment consists of filling out a registration and release form that include biographical, descriptive and certain individualized information such as communication methods and sensory issues; as well as pertinent contact information.

Please note: the child/individual will need to be at the registration session in order to have his/her digital photograph taken.

Phone Number:

617-343-6503

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northstar@pd.boston.gov

North Star is a free program for the citizens of Boston.

We dedicate ourselves to work in partnership with the community to fight crime, reduce fear and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Our Mission is Community Policing.



Additional Resources:

Alzheimer's Association:

www.alz.org

Autism Speaks:

www.autismspeaks.org

National Autism Association:

www.nationalautismassociation.org

Department of Developmental Services:

www.mass.gov

Elderly Commission:

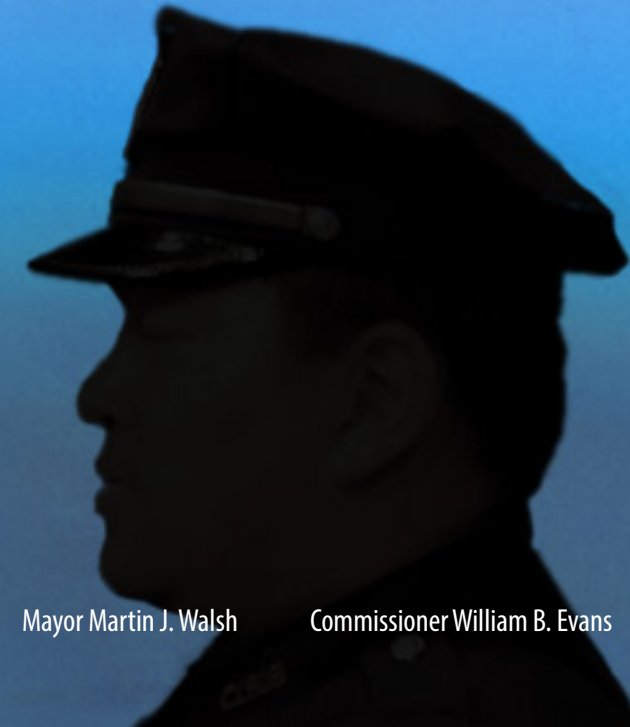
elderly@cityofboston.gov

BPD Community Service Offices:

A1 (Downtown).....	343-4627
A7 (East Boston).....	343-4752
B2 (Roxbury).....	343-4278
B3 (Mattapan).....	343-4717
C6 (South Boston).....	343-4747
C11 (Dorchester).....	343-4524
D4 (South End).....	343-4457
D14 (Allston/Brighton).....	343-4376
E5 (West Roxbury/Roslindale).....	343-4564
E13 (Jamaica Plain).....	343-5623
E18 (Hyde Park).....	343-5611

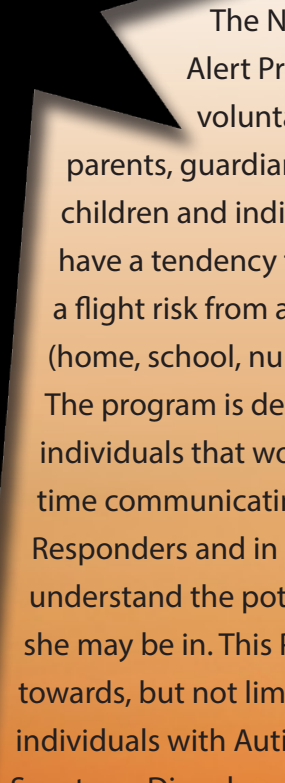


Personal Alert Program



Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Commissioner William B. Evans



The North Star Personal Alert Program is a free and voluntary program for parents, guardians or care takers of children and individuals that may have a tendency to wander or are a flight risk from a specific location (home, school, nursing home etc.). The program is designed to help individuals that would have a difficult time communicating with First Responders and in some cases do not understand the potential danger he/she may be in. This Program is geared towards, but not limited to, children/individuals with Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorders and individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

The information provided by the parents, legal guardians or care takers will be used by the Boston Police Department and other emergency services in Boston or surrounding areas if deemed necessary regarding the welfare of the child/individual at hand.

Through the Boston Police Operations Dispatch System the information you provide will be available to Police Dispatchers and Police Officers. The information and photo provided are there only to assist First Responders in identifying the child/individual in need, who in some cases would not be capable of communicating with First Responders. This program will also provide important information that will assist First Responders when encountering children/individuals.

When deemed appropriate, the BPD will issue an informational bulletin that may include a photograph and relevant biographical, descriptive and certain individualized information about the missing person. This bulletin may be distributed to both Law Enforcement and private sector security partners in an effort to locate the person.

The Personal Alert can be used two ways:

1. If a child/ individual wanders or runs from a location, first and foremost a call should be placed to 911 stating the nature of the emergency and that the child/ individual is enrolled in the North Star Personal Alert Program and has wandered or ran from a location.
2. A Police Officer may observe a child/individual that they perceive to be in need of assistance or at risk and is incapable of communicating; officers can query the system by name or physical description through the Operations Division narrowing it down to the child/ individual that they perceive to be at risk or in need of assistance.

