

Premise Alert Program

What is the Premise Alert Program?

The Illinois Premise Alert Program (Public Act 96-0788 or 430 ILCS/132) allows people with special needs to provide information to police, fire, and EMS personnel to be stored in a database for use in an emergency situation. The information can then be provided to responders dealing with situations involving the special needs individuals.

How does it aid those with special needs or disabilities?

The program requires public safety agencies which utilize a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to maintain a database of those citizens with special needs. The personnel manning the Fairview Heights Police Department Communications Center will have access to the special needs of a given individual and will transmit that information to first responders (police, fire, ambulance). The knowledge provided to the first responders will aid them in assisting you based on your situation or needs in an emergency situation or call for service. Individuals must understand that the information provided to the Premise Alert Program will not result in any type of preferential treatment to the individual.

How do I get involved in the program?

Complete the Premise Alert Program Enrollment Form. You can access the form by [clicking here](#) or the form may be picked up at the Fairview Heights Police Department, Fairview Heights Fire Department, French Village Fire Department or at the Fairview Heights Municipal Complex. Once the information is verified, the individual can be entered into the database. The information provided will be kept confidential and used only to provide police, fire, and EMS personnel with the information needed to deal with situations or emergencies involving a special needs person.

Who is eligible?

For the purposes of the Premise Alert program "disability" and "special needs individual" are defined as:

- "**Disability**" means an individual's physical or mental impairment substantially limits one or more of the major life activities; a record of such impairment; or when the individual is regarded as having such impairment.
- "**Special needs individuals**" means those individuals who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by individuals generally.