

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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AUTISM CAREGIVER GROUP SAFETY EVENT

On February 24, the Autism Caregiver Group and DeKalb Police Department conducted a safety presentation to teach families about how children with autism may interact with police in a variety of different settings. Presentations were put on a variety of speakers with backgrounds in law enforcement, education, and social work. SROs Sullivan, Remnes, and Sorenson concluded the event with a tour of our station where families were able to meet K9 Drax, K9 Riggs, Detective Parsons, and Officer Dusek.

DPD offers families the ability to notify the department of anyone in their family who has special needs or a disability so emergency responders can respond in a way that is helpful and safe to each unique individual. Residents and visitors of DeKalb can fill out the form at the police department or submit the form online at the link below.

<https://www.cityofdekalb.com/FormCenter/Police-Department-4/Special-Needs-Disability-Emergency-Contact-140?fbclid=IwAR0yCLCLzhOEDBozySJt2winA6WLMbT6AjMG-O1PASsi1oLAhBZpui70LyU>