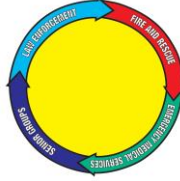


Hale County launches the “Yellow Dot” Program



In an effort to better serve and protect the citizens of Hale County, Sheriff Kenneth Ellis has partnered with the Greensboro and Moundville Police Departments to introduce the “Yellow Dot” Program. Hale County is the 57th county in the state of Alabama to adopt the “Yellow Dot” Program.

The “Yellow Dot” Program is the first program of its kind in the state of Alabama. It is designed to assist citizens and first responders in the event of an automobile accident or other medical emergency involving the participant’s vehicle. The program can help save lives by improving communication at a time when accident victims may not be able to communicate for themselves.

Participants of the program will have their picture taken, complete a personal information form, and will be given a Yellow Dot folder and decal. The personal information form, with the photo attached, will be placed into the folder and then into the glove box of their vehicle. The Yellow Dot decal will be placed in the lower left corner of the rear windshield of the participant’s vehicle. The decal alerts first responders that medical information can be found in the glove compartment. To ensure against identity theft, the information form does not contain the individual’s birth date or social security number.

The “Yellow Dot” Program is a free service provided to individuals of all ages. The program is being sponsored and funded by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs/Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety Division (ADECA/LETS).

Sheriff Kenneth Ellis states, “Yellow Dot offers participants a way to give vital medical information to first responders if they are unable to physically or verbally communicate for themselves, thus ensuring that their current medications and pre-existing medical conditions are considered when treatment is administered for injuries.”

The “Yellow Dot” Program is a cooperative effort between local Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Services, and State Troopers.

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Individuals wishing to participate in the “Yellow Dot” Program can sign up at one of the following permanent enrollment locations:

- Hale County Sheriff’s Office
- Greensboro Police Department
- Moundville Police Department

Special enrollment events will be held at various locations in the county throughout the year.

For more information regarding other counties participating in the “Yellow Dot” Program, go to www.adeca.alabama.gov/yellowdot or <http://www.facebook.com/AlabamaYellowDot>.

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