

BUILDING SAFER INTERACTIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT:



BLUE ENVELOPE

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WHAT IS THE BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM?

The Autism Society Inland Empire is proud to partner with the Inland Regional Center to bring the Blue Envelope Program to our communities. It's a free, voluntary communication resource for individuals with Autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), and those who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing who may need support during interactions with law enforcement.

No registration is required. No diagnosis disclosure is needed.



THE BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM IS FOR DRIVERS & NON-DRIVERS

To participate in the Blue Envelope Program, you do NOT need to:

- Register or sign up
- Show show your ID or license
- Show proof of diagnosis
- Show a note from your doctor



For drivers with a communication disability: If you have a disability that may affect your communication with a first responder, you can hand the blue envelope to an officer during a traffic stop. This will signal to the officer that they may need to slow down their communication. The actual blue envelope is not for a caregiver who is driving someone with a disability.

For individuals who do not drive: Because many individuals with communication differences do not drive, the program has expanded to include wearable Blue Envelope-branded items that can be used in the community or while riding as a passenger. If approached by law enforcement, officers will recognize the logo and adjust their approach accordingly.

Available items include:

- Car Window Decal
- Stickers
- Seatbelt covers
- Keychains
- Bracelets
- Pins
- Lanyards
- License Plate Frame



Note: The envelope is for drivers with communication barriers, not for parents/caregivers with passengers. If you're driving someone with a communication barrier, notify the officer immediately when approached.

WHERE TO GET MATERIALS

You can get a Blue Envelope and the branded materials at **police departments and sheriff's stations in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties**. Call your local agency to determine the best way to pick up the materials. Many agencies have out-reach events and often distribute materials at the events as well.

Need help finding materials? Email Autism Society Inland Empire at info@ieautism.org

WHY THE PROGRAM MATTERS

For many individuals with Autism and other disabilities, unexpected encounters with law enforcement can be overwhelming. The Blue Envelope Program helps by:

- Alerting officers that the driver or passenger has a communication barrier
- Reduces the chance of misunderstandings

When officers understand why someone behaves a certain way, interactions become safer and more respectful.

2026 BLUE ENVELOPE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

We are grateful for the many Law Enforcement agencies and Fire Departments across San Bernardino and Riverside Counties that have partnered with us to help make our communities safer and more inclusive.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

- Barstow Police Department
- Chino Police Department
- Fontana Police Department
- Fontana Unified School District Police Department
- Ontario Police Department
- Ontario Fire Department (only envelope & info flyer)
- Redlands Police Department
- San Bernardino Police Department
- Office of the Fire Marshal, San Bernardino County
- Upland Police Department

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

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| • Apple Valley, Barstow | • Morongo Basin |
| • Big Bear | • Needles |
| • Central | • Rancho Cucamonga |
| • Chino Hills | • Twentynine Palms |
| • Colorado River | • Twin Peaks |
| • Fontana | • Victor Valley |
| • Hesperia | • Victorville |
| • Highland | • Yucaipa |

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

- Menifee Police Department
- Riverside Police Department

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

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| • Cabazon | • Moreno Valley |
| • Colorado River | • Palm Desert |
| • Hemet | • Perris |
| • Jurupa Valley | • San Jacinto |
| • Lake Elsinore | • Southwest (Temecula) |
| • Lake Matthews | • Thermal |

COMING SOON

- Rialto Police Department
- American Medical Response (AMR)

Note: The Chino Police and the Riverside County Sheriff have separate Blue Envelope programs. Call them to get more information & materials.

Have questions? Scan the QR code, visit our website, or reach out via email for more information.

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