

Locating Individuals Requiring Additional Assistance (IRAA) – Another Tool for Safety Personnel

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History

- Began as 'At Risk' list for primarily Autistic children
- Expanded to include mentally and/or physically challenged children
- Expanded to include Seniors
- Expanded to general school outreach
- Census self identification (outreach) for anyone.

Important Considerations

- HIPAA – keep in mind what you're dealing with
- Security – make sure you have a secure location for the data before you start collecting.
- Don't use scanner, copier, or email to transfer information with a name connected to it.
- Plan in advance and limit who does intakes, making sure they're already covered by HIPAA

How does it work?

- Contact intake personnel who fill out form and take picture with smartphone.
- Picture emailed to me with no name (maybe initials if multiples)
- Intake personnel transfer information onto a blank (fillable) pdf intake form (in a secure location) then hand deliver hard copy original to Fire Dept where it is kept locked (it has signature)
- Intake personnel email me that a new form has been completed. I pull (move) to another secure location from where the data is connected to Police and Fire.

- I attach picture to front of pdf and secure with password then link to a passworded atlas for both Police and Fire
- Police and Fire contacts are notified by email that updates have been made, at which time they copy updates to locations, including dispatch.

How do Safety Personnel use it?

- They get a call to a home. Dispatch can check their atlas
- Fire and Police Personnel have a copy in each vehicle that they can check on the way to call.
- They click on location and have the secure pdf in front of them complete with picture and medical information

The Form.....

The 'fillable' Form.....

The Fire atlas (demo version)

The Police atlas (demo version).....

Conclusions

- Easy to use
- Low cost
- Just a tool
- Always room for improvement
- Comments - Suggestions?

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