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Village of Western Springs Participates in File of LIFE Program

Village of Western Springs, January 19, 2023 - The Western Springs Department of Fire & EMS has launched a **File of LIFE (Lifesaving Information for Emergencies)** program, which allows Village residents to communicate important medical information with emergency responders, even if they're unresponsive.

The **File of LIFE**, a bright red plastic pouch, contains an information sheet for residents to indicate their medical history, prescriptions, allergies, and emergency contacts. This pouch is placed on the door or inside the individual's freezer where emergency response personnel have been trained to look when responding to medical emergencies. Other important information may be placed in the pouch, such as power of attorney; living will; Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) documentation; etc. In the event of an emergency the **File of LIFE** will be utilized by police officers, paramedics, firefighters, and even hospital emergency room staff.

File of LIFE pouches are free and can be picked up at Fire Station 1, located at 4353 Wolf Road, or by contacting Firefighter Jason Grant at jgrant@wsprings.com

A nationally recognized program, this local **File of LIFE** initiative is sponsored by Western Springs Fire and Rescue Association. For more information, please call 708-246-1800 ext. 174.



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