

# NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY- VOLUNTEER VULNERABLE PERSON REGISTRY

January 26, 2017

**(NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, ON)-** Port Hope Police Service and the Northumberland Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) with the assistance of Victim Services of Peterborough and Northumberland would like to make the public aware of The Volunteer Vulnerable Person Registry (VVPR) that is available to all citizens of Northumberland County. The Voluntary Vulnerable Person Registry provides the police services in Northumberland County with emergency contact information, detailed physical descriptions, known routines and special needs of an identified vulnerable person. This information assists officers when investigating an emergency involving **Vulnerable Persons**.

A **Vulnerable Person** is defined as a person who due to a medical, mental health or physical condition, may exhibit patterns of behaviour that may pose a danger to themselves or others. This may include; a tendency to wander, the inability to communicate, fascinations or attractions, social responses. Examples of vulnerable persons may include persons with; Alzheimer's disease, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Acquired Brain Injury, or a Mental Health condition that causes a person to exhibit the above behaviours.

The VVPR allows Police Services immediate access to vital information about a registered person. Information provided will assist with an effective and informed response to vulnerable persons in an emergency situation. The VVPR will record specific information that will further assist police services in better understanding the needs of the vulnerable person and reduce the risk of harm. This proactive initiative will reduce delays in the engagement of the necessary resources that will contribute to a successful outcome. *All information is confidential and stored on a record management system accessible to police personnel.*

Certain information will be asked on the form to better assist the police.

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Physical Descriptors
- Contact Information
- Special Needs / Diagnosis
- Methods of approach
- Objects of Attraction
- Recent photograph of persons face

Some special registration dates have been set up to allow individuals to complete the vulnerable person registry forms, see below.

Between 9:00am to 1:00pm

Thursday February 2- Northumberland OPP- Cobourg Detachment

Thursday February 9- Northumberland OPP- Brighton Detachment

Thursday February 16- Port Hope Police Service

Thursday February 23- Northumberland - Campbellford Detachment

If you cannot attend any of these dates and wish to register a vulnerable person please contact:

Constable Tammie Staples at Port Hope Police 905-885-8123 ext 238.

Constable Nancy Wagner at Northumberland Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police at 905-372-5421

or Ashley Fontaine of VSPN at 905-372-2255 to schedule a registration date.

For media enquiries please contact Constable Tammie Staples at Port Hope Police 905-885-8123 ext 238 and Constable Steve Bates at Northumberland Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police at 705-653-3300.