

STARS™

Special needs Tracking & Awareness Response System

Dear district resident/parents or guardians of a special needs child:

We want to inform you of a new program we have implemented at Monarch Fire Protection District that will enable us to be better prepared to take care of special needs children should an emergency arise. The program is titled STARS (Special needs Tracking and Awareness Response System).

Each child that is entered into STARS has a form detailing his or her medical history, medications, allergies, baseline vital signs, baseline neurological status and common medical emergencies that is kept in each ambulance. A number is assigned to each child that matches the form. Should you need to call 911, the caller gives the dispatcher the number which is then relayed to the responding ambulance. Having this information at hand can prove vital, especially when a regular caretaker is not present. Please contact us if you feel your child would be a candidate. Children who especially benefit are those with significant developmental delay, seizure disorders, cardiac history, cerebral shunts, tracheostomies and any atypical diseases or syndromes.

To enroll your child, you may come to the Monarch Fire Protection District Headquarters located at 13725 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield, MO. 63017 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, to discuss your child's needs and file the forms, or download the forms from our district website (<http://www.monarchfpd.org>). You and the patient's physician can fill out the STARS form and return it to Headquarters. We'll answer any questions you may have about our services. At this time, if the patient has any anxiety about the ambulance and would like to tour it or see any equipment, he or she is encouraged to do so.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Nick Harper Deputy Chief

Monarch Fire Protection District

STARS Coordinator

