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**FLPD LAUNCHES
AUTISM OUTREACH
PROGRAM**

In conjunction with Autism Awareness Month, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department is proud to launch FLPD Cares, an Autism Outreach program. This program is an ongoing partnership with our community, to provide the safest environment possible for our neighbors.

FLPD Cares will allow our officers to better serve those in our community living with Autism. Through this program, we hope to establish and maintain a database of Autistic individuals we may interact with in hopes of improving our response.

The information will be kept confidential and made available only to our patrol officers. This process will allow officers who are responding to an incident involving a person with Autism to appropriately prepare for and handle the situation. Ultimately, through the FLPD Cares Program, we will be improving these interactions for all parties involved.

To learn more about the program, visit: <https://www.flpd.org/community/flpd-cares>.



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