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**Press Release**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

The Fanwood Community Policing Alliance announces "Operation Vial File"

The Fanwood Community Policing Alliance (CPA) in partnership with the Quick Chek of Fanwood has launched a free program for Fanwood residents. "Operation Vial File" is a project that distributes at no cost, an emergency medical information packet for residents to store vital medical information. Police or rescue personnel, in the event of a medical call at the resident's home, can retrieve the Vial File. The Vial File is a traditional large prescription vial, which contains an informational sheet inside listing vital medical information, medications, allergies, doctor's contact info, family/relative contact info and other information. This is vital information that police or rescue personnel can rely on if the person in need is unable to respond. The packet also includes a decal, which is placed on the refrigerator door that alerts the first responders the person participates in the program.

"Every household has a refrigerator, the idea of placing our vial on the inside refrigerator door is to mandate a uniform location, this way we're not searching the house for the info" stated Sgt. Thomas Jedic of the Fanwood Police Department. "Time can be critical in treating someone during a medical intervention - searching for this type of information somewhere in the house can be chaotic, especially if the person is unconscious" added Sgt. Jedic.

This program cost the taxpayers nothing. All the materials have been donated by Quick Chek, already a partner with the alliance by supporting the Public Safety Information Booth at their 572 North Avenue location. Quick Chek was generous enough to donate the vials and the Fanwood CPA provided the printed materials. "This type of project clearly shows how the police, residents and businesses in town can work together to improve the quality of life for everyone" stated Jedic. Vials can be obtained by contacting the CPA via a link on their website at [www.fanwoodcpa.org](http://www.fanwoodcpa.org) or contacting Sgt. Jedic at (908) 322-5000 ext 151.

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Started in 2004, the Fanwood Police Department organized a Community Policing Alliance (CPA). The CPA invites all residents and those working in Fanwood to join. The CPA created a link between the police and the community that will address a wide array of topics, including crime prevention, child safety and community events. The CPA meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Forest Road Park Community Building in Fanwood. For more details, please use either of the contacts above or visit the CPA's website at [www.fanwoodcpa.org](http://www.fanwoodcpa.org).

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