

## **North Smithfield Emergency Management Agency**

### **Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry**

Colonel Peter E. Branconnier, EMA Director, is reminding local residents about [Enrolling](#) in the Special Needs Emergency Registry. This lets police, fire and other first responders in your community better prepare for and respond to your needs during a hurricane, storm or other emergency.

Many people may need extra help during a time of emergency, including people who:

- Use life support systems such as oxygen, respirator, ventilator, dialysis, pacemaker or are insulin dependent;
- Have mobility disabilities and use a wheelchair, scooter, walker, cane or other mobility device;
- Are visually impaired, blind, hard of hearing or deaf;
- Have speech, cognitive, developmental or mental health disabilities; or
- Use assistive animals or a prosthesis

The information submitted to the Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry is shared with local and state first responders and emergency management officials. Your information is held confidentially and only accessed to assist in your safety and well-being. This notification allows first responders additional time to consider how to best respond to that incident. Please note that strict confidentiality is maintained at all times, and only those who have a reason to access the information are authorized to do so.

### **What People with Special Needs Should Do**

#### [Enroll Now](#)

If you cannot complete the enrollment form yourself, a family member, caregiver or authorized representative can complete the enrollment form on your behalf. (A [paper form](#) ([Spanish](#) | [Portuguese](#)) is also available.)

### **Be Prepared**

We all need to be [prepared for emergencies](#). If you or someone in your family has a special healthcare need, remember to take it into consideration when preparing your emergency supply kit. If you take medication or use a medical treatment on a regular basis, be sure you have what you need to care for yourself.

Information and forms are available at Town Hall and the Municipal Annex or you contact EMA at 767-2206 or online at [nsema@cox.net](mailto:nsema@cox.net).