



# ***BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM***



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## **Purpose & Overview**

- A voluntary initiative designed to support drivers with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) during traffic stops and interactions with police officers while operating a motor vehicle.
- Featuring a specially designed blue envelope that holds essential documents—driver's license and vehicle's registration, while also offering communication guidelines for law enforcement and individuals with ASD on the envelope's exterior.
- Developed through a collaboration between the **Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts, The Arc of Massachusetts**, and input from individuals on the autism spectrum and their families

## **Goals & Benefits**

- Significantly reduce anxiety and potential stress for drivers with ASD during traffic stops
- Provides law enforcement with practical communication strategies and enables a smoother and more effective interaction.
- Encourages preparedness in drivers and their families, offering confidence and clarity during stops

## **How to Obtain & Prepare the Envelope**

- Envelopes are available for free. You can request one in-person at a State Police barracks, most local Police Departments or via an **online** form to have it mailed directly.
- After receiving the envelope:
  1. Insert a copy of your driver's license (photocopy) and vehicle registration.
  2. Attach it in an accessible location (e.g., sun visor) for easy presentation.
  3. Keep documents inside updated



**Scan the QR code for more information**