

## **Guide for Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease**

**Alzheimer's Disease is a neurological disorder with no recognizable physical characteristics.**

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**

- memory Loss
- disorientation (Time/Place)
- impaired judgment
- absentmindedness
- carelessness in appearance
- inability to communicate
- inappropriate dress
- poor concentration
- asks same question over
- abilities/abstract thinking
- paranoia/suspiciousness
- hallucinations/delusions

### **TYPES OF ENCOUNTERS (PUBLIC/LAW ENFORCEMENT)**

- wandering
- shoplifting
- auto crashes/traffic violations
- apparent intoxication
- indecent exposure
- homicide/suicide cases
- victimization/false reports
- domestic violence

### **METHODS OF IDENTIFICATION**

- Jewelry
  - Medic Alert and/or Safe Return bracelet
  - Necklace/lapel pin/dog tags
  - Clothing labels/patches
  - Electronic transmitters/beacons

**Wandering is a life-threatening concern and should be treated as an emergency!**