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PCSO PARTNERS WITH ALZHEIMER'S TENNESSEE TO PROMOTE NEW SILVER ALERT KITS

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – The month of May is Silver Alert Month in Tennessee. Alzheimer's Tennessee has developed a new "Silver Alert Kit" to aid families and law enforcement in the event a family member suffering with Alzheimer's or related dementia happens to wander and a Silver Alert is initiated.

Recently, Sheriff Eddie Farris met with Alzheimer's Tennessee Regional Director Lynn Drew about Silver Alert Month in Tennessee and the new Silver Alert kits which contain information related to Alzheimer's and related dementias. It includes wandering prevention tips along with identifying information that will help law enforcement locate those individuals who wander off.

"Alzheimer's Tennessee is a longtime partner with the Tennessee Sheriff's Association and law enforcement across Tennessee." Said TSA President, Sheriff Eddie Farris, "In law enforcement, communication is critical, especially during missing person cases. These new Silver Alert kits will help get us the information we need to find that person as soon as possible."

Lynn Drew added, "It's very important for caregivers to have all of their loved one's identifying information together ahead of time, so that they're prepared in the event their loved one does wander off and go missing. We encourage families to keep updated photographs and information about their loved ones in these kits to help law enforcement with accurate information during a Silver Alert."

Sheriff Farris and Director Drew are encouraging anyone in Putnam County that has a loved one or family member struggling with Alzheimer's to contact the local Alzheimer's Tennessee office at 931.526.8010 for help and information about the new Silver Alert Kits. Additionally, you may call the Putnam County Sheriff's Office for information on how to get a kit. Information can also be viewed and printed out online at www.alzTennessee.org/SilverAlert.

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