



# Media Advisory

**May 23, 2025**

## **Blue Envelope Program Adopted in Adams County**

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Adams County, Colo. (May 23, 2025):

The Adams County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce a partnership with the Thornton Police Department and the Thornton Fire Department for the official adoption of the Blue Envelope Program. The Blue Envelope Program is a community-focused initiative designed to improve interactions between first responders and drivers with autism and other neurodiverse conditions. It launches on May 23, 2025, and aims to promote understanding, reduce stress, and foster safer communication during contacts.

The Blue Envelope is a tool that community members can use to notify law enforcement and fire rescue personnel that they may need additional time or accommodations during a contact or incident. Inside the envelope is information for both the person contacted and law enforcement or fire rescue personnel, providing guidance and promoting a calm, informed interaction.

A launch video introducing the program is available:

[https://youtu.be/HpmFV3Gl\\_6k](https://youtu.be/HpmFV3Gl_6k)

"We're incredibly excited to bring this program to Adams County," said Sheriff Gene Claps. "This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to providing professional service that protects and serves the community equally. It is one more way we are building trust and improving safety for everyone in our community."

ACSO would like to thank our partners at the Thornton Police Department and the Thornton Fire Department for their collaboration and support in bringing this program to life.

The Blue Envelopes will be available starting tomorrow at the following ACSO locations:

**Sheriff's Office Headquarters (4430 S. Adams County Pkwy. Suite W5400 Brighton, CO 80601)**  
**Commerce City Substation (4201 E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Commerce City, CO 80221)**  
**Strasburg Substation (2550 Strasburg Rd. Strasburg, CO 80136)**

# Blue Envelope Program

## Tips for First Responders: (Officers, Firefighter, EMT, etc)

- The driver may exhibit signs of anxiety due to bright lights and noises (your radio/siren).
- Driver may display repetitive body movements or fidgeting and may have unusual eye contact.
- Speak clearly, use the most simplistic explanations possible, and limit unnecessary details.
- Allow the driver extra time to respond.
- Clearly tell the driver when the stop is over, and they can leave.
- If the driver becomes upset, consider contacting the person listed on the contact card inside the envelope.

## Tips for Interacting with Police:

- Do:
- Take a deep breath and listen to questions and directions.
  - Tell the officer you have a blue envelope and provide it when asked.
  - Keep hands visible to the officer.
- Don't:
- Reach for things without permission.
  - Leave without permission.

## Contents:

- Copy of Driver's License (Optional)
- Vehicle Registration
- Insurance

How to Contact the Police:  
EMERGENCY CALLS  
• Dial or Text 911



My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

In an emergency, please contact (please include name and phone number):  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am/have (check the box that applies):

Autistic    Tourette Syndrome (Tic Dx)    Limited vision    Non-English Speaker

Deaf or hard of hearing    Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Alert: \_\_\_\_\_

Diabetic    Seizures

Medical Power of Attorney or a Psychiatric Advance Directive (Include copy in envelope)

Notes about me: \_\_\_\_\_



- This person may...
- Not accept help
  - Be unaware of danger
  - Be non-verbal
  - Need additional time to respond
  - Not respond to verbal commands
  - Wander if unattended
  - Appear anxious due to lights/noise

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For more information on this event, please contact

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