

Yellow Dot



Usually red, pink and white are the prevalent colors on Valentine's Day, but this year law enforcement officials and first responders are hoping yellow catches on. Alaska State Troopers Colonel Keith Mallard, along with Anchorage Police Chief Mark Mew, Anchorage Fire Department Chief Mark Hall and members of the Anchorage Police Citizens Academy Alumni Association and the International Fire Fighters Association gathered at Fire Station 1 in downtown Anchorage to roll out the Yellow Dot Program in Alaska.

The Yellow Dot program uses a yellow dot sticker to alert first responders that someone in the vehicle they are approaching has a medical condition. Responders will know to look in the vehicle's glove box for information on the person's medical condition and medications.

"The program is for all people who have medical conditions statewide, and the goal is to make the Yellow Dot materials available at all trooper posts and police stations across the state, as well as fire stations," said AST Col. Keith Mallard.



Law enforcement and other first responders are stocking up on yellow dot stickers and an accompanying medical information card to hand out to the public. It is a completely voluntary program. There is no registration required and there's not a database stockpiling information. Participating individuals can provide as much or as little information regarding their condition as they want.

"In a medical emergency, minutes matter," said Mallard. "If a trooper comes upon a vehicle with an unconscious person inside, this is a valuable tool that the trooper can use to notify medics of what they will have to address when they get on scene."

The Yellow Dot program started out in 2002 in Connecticut. Since then it has been spreading to other states. Alaska is now the 23rd state to participate in the voluntary program.

