In times of a medical emergency, every second counts. When first responders arrive at the home of a senior on a medical emergency call, valuable time can be lost while they try to record pertinent medical history information and locate medications, prior to transporting the senior to the hospital emergency room.

The Sheriff’s Department provides to seniors, a free Medical Information packet that provides both important medical history information and alert stickers to direct emergency first responders to this vital information.

The Sheriff’s Med-Info program provides step-by-step instructions for the senior in completing their full comprehensive medical history, we recommend that your pharmacist list all medications taken. The senior is then instructed to place this medical history in a sealed plastic bag on the inside wall of their refrigerator, since this is the easiest most visible location that can be found in any home. The packet also contains a bright red decal which is placed on the front glass door or window of the residence, to alert first responders that the senior’s medical information is available. A second bright red magnet is placed on the door of the refrigerator to confirm that the information is located inside the kitchen refrigerator.
First responders can now focus their attention on treating the patient to stabilize and transport them to the nearest medical facility for emergency care.

Emergency first responders in Burlington County have all been instructed and trained about this valuable program.