



FIRE DEPARTMENT
City of Monroe
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The **File of Life** program is an initiative that assists fire and EMS personnel when they respond to an emergency at a person's residence. This program uses red plastic, magnetized envelopes to store medical information in plain view on refrigerator doors.

History of the Program

Previously this program was known as the Vial of Life. The idea was to place valuable medical information on paper and in a location that everyone had in their home. The "vial" was nothing more than a prescription vial which held the medical paperwork and the standard location was deemed to be the freezer compartment of refrigerators. There were some flaws, one of which was that many times the vial would be lost in the freezer section among the frozen foods.

Based on this flaw and other problems the program was suspended. Currently the **Monroe Fire Department** has new initiative called the **File of Life**. The program uses red plastic envelopes to store pertinent medical information in plain view on refrigerator doors. The magnetized holders contain a standard medical form on which citizens can record medical history, medications, etc. Fire and EMS personnel automatically check refrigerator doors when a homeowner is unconscious or unable to communicate with first responders. This will allow us to quickly gather information to help with medical care when a person is unable to effectively communicate with responders.

How Do I Get a File of Life?

You can pick up a **File of Life** folder at any **Monroe Fire Station**. If you live at 800 w Seventh, 810 W Elm or 20 N Roessler the file is available from the property management teams. Monroe has three Advanced Life Support vehicles that also stock them for distribution on emergency calls. Questions can be directed to Brent.newsom@monroemi.gov or 734.241.1626

Fire stations are located at: 75 Scott St. and 1755 N Custer

*Those not residing within the City of Monroe, inquires can be made to your local fire department