



## **PERQUIMANS COUNTY VOLUNTEER SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM**

Perquimans County Emergency Management has advertised and disseminated a “Perquimans County Voluntary Special Needs Registration Form” via various sources including Perquimans County Social Services, Perquimans County Senior Center, The Albemarle Commission and various Civic Organizations. All completed and returned forms are sent back to the Emergency Services Director who evaluates the information identified on the form and places each candidate into a Risk Level of Impairment of I to III. The Risk Levels of Impairment are as follows:

**Level I** – (Low) Basic transportation needs. Some examples = Severe Arthritis, Hearing Impairment, Oxygen Dependent (they provide), Mobility Impairment

**Level II** – (Medium) Need Caregiver. Some Examples = Sight Impairment, Hearing Impairment, Walker/Wheelchair Dependant, Slight to Moderate Dementia, Severe Respiratory Problems, Need Medicines Administered

**Level III** – (High) Needs Specialized Care. Some Examples = Legally Blind, On Feeding Tube, Bedridden, Electric Dependant, Hearing/Speech Impairment, On Dialysis, On Life Support

After a Risk Level of Impairment has been assigned to each form they are filed in the Perquimans County Emergency Management office and essential information listed in the county’s master list. Fire Department personnel in whose fire district the impaired person resides receive a copy of this essential information. A complete countywide listing of this information is maintained by Perquimans County Emergency Services and given to Albemarle Regional Health Services, Perquimans County Social Services, Perquimans County Sheriff’s Office, the Hertford Police Department, the Winfall Police Department and The Albemarle Commission so that when and if a situation occurs involving a Perquimans County Special Needs Registrant, First Responders are aware of the special needs of our citizens. Also, in events involving locations where Perquimans County Special Needs Registrants reside, First Responders have the information available to them to provide assistance to the Registrant early on. The Perquimans County Special Needs Register is continually updated as new information comes to the attention of Perquimans County Emergency Management.