

Councilman Jerry Beavers recently obtained information about a program that is available to all residents, which might literally save your life - or the life of someone in your household. The name of the program is “Vial of Life”. This program was developed specifically to assist emergency medical caregivers in the event that the person was unable to speak or speak coherently (such as in the case of a stroke) to provide the information themselves.

There is a form on which you list critical medical information such as allergies, current prescriptions you are taking, and any other information that would be of immediate help to paramedics or emergency room personnel concerning your treatment. This form goes into a clear zip-lock bag, and hangs on your refrigerator via a magnet. An orange sticker is placed on your front door or window informing fire/rescue that “Vial of Life” information is available in this household.

The form is in a PDF format and it can be filled out on line and printed. It is in English and Spanish and will soon be available in Creole. The web site link is

http://www.pbcfr.org/vial_of_life.asp?form=YES&locale=en

English version

http://www.pbcfr.org/vial_of_life.asp?form=YES&locale=es

Spanish version

You can also find it by going to Fire Rescue’s home page which is: www.pbcfr.org, select “Information about the Community”,

then on the left side under “Helpful Links” select “Vial of Life”. That will take you directly to the form.

If you do not have access to a computer and want a copy of the “Vial of Life” form, contact Town Hall.