

The Red Envelope Project

The "Red Envelope Project" concept started at a multi-agency training class in Kendall County. We were shown a medical form that is given to their members to carry, in case of an emergency. We all received a copy of the form, and thought it was a good idea. As the discussion progressed, we realized the form needed to be expanded. When you are on a multi-agency search, you often get placed on a search team with people you might not have previously met. But short of the quick hello and this is what we are searching for, you really don't know each other. What happens if someone passes out or gets hurt badly? We might not have any information to give EMS. Therefore, we thought each team member could fill out the form, and carry it in our search gear so our team members could find it and give it to EMS. We would put the completed form in a red envelope, to make it easier to find. Then the idea of the red wire tie came to mind. It gets attached to the pocket/zipper pull on the outside of your search gear where the envelope is located, to make it even easier to find.

So here it is in a nut shell.

Fill out the form, seal it in the red envelope (I placed mine in a baggie to keep it dry).

Put the red wire tie on the zipper pull of the pocket you wish to keep it in.

It is up to your team if you want to use it. You control the information that you put on it

Please make your team aware of the concept, so that they can use it and it might help them someday.

This is a simple way to designate to my fellow searchers that I have medical information with me, where to locate it, so they can give it to EMS on my behalf. This is just another way as searchers; we can help take care of one another.

Thank you and be safe!!

Where to get the supplies

Red Coin Envelopes

https://www.amazon.com/Coin-Envelopes-Perfect-Electronic-LUX-7CO-18-250/dp/B00NUD6IU0/ref=sr_1_11?s=office-products&ie=UTF8&qid=1510848610&sr=1-11&keywords=red+7+coin+envelopes

Red Wire Ties

https://www.amazon.com/Inch-Red-Miniature-Nylon-Zip/dp/B004FUV082/ref=sr_1_1?s=hi&ie=UTF8&qid=1510848903&sr=1-1&keywords=4+Inch+Red+Miniature+Nylon+Zip+Tie+-+MS3367-4-2+-+100+Pack&dpID=519k%252BY0HeRL&preST= SX300 QL70 &dpSrc=srch