



**DIABETES
FOUNDATION**
OF MISSISSIPPI, INC.

Dear Friend of the Foundation:

Imagine driving down the highway when suddenly your blood sugar begins to drop to a dangerously low level. Your heart starts pounding, your vision becomes blurred, you break out into a cold sweat and you become dizzy. You manage to pull to the side of the road when a police officer taps on your window. Because you appear to be intoxicated and unable to communicate, you are arrested and taken to jail for driving under the influence of alcohol.

This is the horrifying story of several Mississippians with diabetes. The signs and symptoms of low blood sugar often mimic that of intoxication, making it difficult for Mississippi's law enforcement officials to know the difference. That's why the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi (DFM) implemented the "***Lifesaver Campaign for Law Enforcement***," a program designed specifically for all law-enforcement officials in Mississippi. Since its inception, this program has elicited responses from law enforcement agencies nationwide, and we invite you to participate.

The Lifesaver Campaign for Law Enforcement program provides law-enforcement personnel with the tools necessary to identify and deal with a diabetic emergency appropriately. Law-enforcement officers contribute a vital public service to our communities, and the DFM's goal is to give them the knowledge they need to prevent a manageable incident from becoming a fatality.

There is no additional charge for the license plates if the car title is registered in the name of the driver who has diabetes. However, if the title is in someone else's name, but the person with diabetes is the primary driver of the car, there is a charge of \$31 for a diabetes license plate. **For more information about the car tags or the special driver's licenses, please contact your local Department of Motor Vehicles.**

The Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi is the only diabetes organization in the state dedicated to serving all Mississippians with diabetes— from our children to our seniors— through programs, research, patient assistance, support and education. Is it drinking, drugs, or diabetes? ***What you know could save a life!*** **For more information about this campaign or to schedule training for your officers, call the DFM at 1.877.DFM.CURE or in metro Jackson, 601.957.7878.**

Sincerely,

Mary Fortune
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