The training programme for professionals of the City of Geneva: towards an Alzheimer friendly community

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How it all started

Mr Franck (81) moved to a specialised care home some days ago.

He used to be a police officer and was the head of the security brigade of the Geneva police for 25 years.

Every night, Mr Franck runs away from the home to "go and train young police officers".

Every time he is brought back by his former colleagues as a "fugitive"
What we have done

Creation of a team with:

• Giovanni Martinelli, Prevention Coordinator
• Geneva Cantonal Police
• Mikaela Halvarsson, director of the Care Home Les Charmettes
• Sophie Courvoisier

How we started

Since September 2018, police officers of the cantonal neighbourhood police attend mandatory sensitisation sessions
It's being talked about

Various local media have picked up on the topic:
Radio Lac, Léman Bleu Télévision, GHI, etc

City of Geneva

- 2 sessions of voluntary basic training are listed in the City’s trainings catalogue
- Specialist training for municipal police

Since 2019, mandatory training for specific groups of professionals:
- City janitors
- Collaborators of the Department of social work (action sociale)
Next steps in the sensitisation of the Police

From 2019 onwards, sensitisation of aspirants of the cantonal police forces of Valais, Vaud and Geneva, in collaboration with Alzheimer Vaud et Alzheimer Valais.

Outcome for the Cantonal Police

- Sensitisation of 700 police officers and 210 aspirants
- A positive outcome for police communication
Outcome for the City of Geneva

- Sensitisation of
  - 200 police officers
  - 80 city janitors
  - 120 collaborators

Next steps

- Firefighters
- Municipal police officers of the other municipalities
- Collaborators in direct contact with the population/service users
Thank you for your attention!