

"I recommend Project Lifesaver to the parents of my patients with developmental disabilities who have a problem with wandering off and getting lost."

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A PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROTECT AND, WHEN NECESSARY QUICKLY LOCATE "AT RISK" INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PRONE TO THE LIFE-THREATENING BEHAVIOR OF WANDERING.

# HISTORY

Project Lifesaver is a 501 (C)(3) community based, public safety, non-profit organization that provides law enforcement, fire/rescue, and caregivers with a program designed to protect, and when necessary, quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering, such as those with Alzheimer's or autism. The necessity of this program was determined through the correlation between cognitive conditions and the act of wandering.

With the dramatic increase of cognitive conditions since the inception of the organization, the program has grown from a localized program to a program recognized internationally as a proven and effective method of "bringing loved ones home."

#### **MISSION**

The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition.



"Project Lifesaver is designed to provide comfort for the family, while safely guarding the client."

CHIEF GENE SAUNDERS FOUNDER & CEO



### HOW DOES IT WORK?

The method relies on proven radio technology and specially trained search and rescue teams. Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver are outfitted with a radio frequency transmitter to be worn on the wrist or ankle at all times. Each transmitter emits an individualized frequency signal that is unique to the client.

If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver will notify the certified Project Lifesaver Member Agency, and a trained emergency team will respond to the wanderer's area with specialized receivers that will help triangulate the direction of the signal & help locate the client.

The search times for certified Project Lifesaver agencies have been reduced from hours, potentially days, down to minutes. Recovery times for Project Lifesaver agencies average 30 minutes, which is 95% less time than standard operations without Project Lifesaver.

### **BECOME A MEMBER AGENCY**

Implementing the Project Lifesaver Program in your area is the first step to protect the special needs individuals in your community.

The following agencies & organizations are eligible for implementation:

- Law Enforcement
- Fire & Rescue
- SAR Organizations
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Nursing Homes
- VA Hospitals

Agencies interested in implementing the Project Lifesaver Program in their community must submit a letter of intent to Project Lifesaver International.

After submission of a letter on intent, each agency will undergo comprehensive training in which a handful of their personnel will become certified Electronic Search Specialist. Those who complete the training will not only learn how to utilize our equipment, but they will also become familiar with the conditions they will serve and how best to interact and communicate with special needs individuals.

## **ENROLL YOUR LOVED ONE**

Enrollment procedures and requirements vary from agency to agency - please visit our website to locate an agency nearest you!

