

## How Do I Enroll My Loved One In Project Lifesaver?

If you are interested in enrolling a friend or loved one in the program, contact the Douglas County Sheriff's office at 841-0007. We will then contact you and schedule a visit with the care giver and the person with wandering issues. During the interview the applicant will complete a client profile questionnaire which will help determine if the program is appropriate for their needs.

Once accepted and enrolled in the program, Project Lifesaver team members will schedule a second visit, at which time the client will receive the transmitter and the care giver will be trained in testing the equipment.

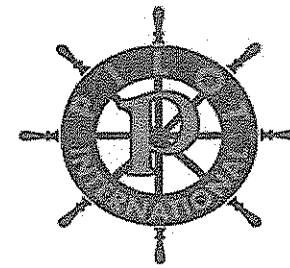
The transmitter is a small circular radio device on a band, about the size of a wristwatch. It is worn 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is difficult to remove without appropriate tools.

## The Need For a Program Like Project Lifesaver

Current estimates are that over 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer's, with an expected increase to over 7 million by 2030. It is the most common form of several related dementias. Wandering, the most life-threatening behavior associated with Alzheimer's, affects 59 percent of patients and 45 percent of those cases end tragically in death if the person is not located within 24 hours.

The Project Lifesaver technology assists emergency response agencies in tracking and finding wanderers and increasing the likelihood of a timely and positive search outcome.

For more information go to [www.projectlifesaver.org](http://www.projectlifesaver.org) or call the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at 785-841-0007



# Project Lifesaver®

The Lawrence Pilot Club and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office join together to offer Project Lifesaver to the citizens of Douglas County. Project Lifesaver provides emergency response agencies with equipment to track and locate individuals who wander, such as Alzheimer patients.

## **What is Project Lifesaver**

Project Lifesaver International (PLI) is a non-profit organization that since 1999 has developed a network of more than 1,000 law enforcement and other public safety agencies nationwide. PLI provides training and equipment to the agencies on the use of specialized electronic search and rescue equipment, technology and procedures, as well as teaching rescuers how to communicate with people afflicted with cognitive conditions, all of which are essential to the successful rescue of missing persons who wander or otherwise become lost. They certify search and rescue personnel and provide ongoing management to participating agencies.

## **Our Purpose**

The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury to adults and children who wander

due to Alzheimer's, autism, and other related conditions or disorders .

## **How Does It Work?**

The enrolled participant wears a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits a tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the care provider contacts the Douglas County Sheriff's Office by calling 911. Sheriff's Office patrol units form a search and rescue team and respond to the wanderer's area and start searching with the mobile locator tracking system. The Project Lifesaver technology allows search times to be significantly reduced.

## **Who Can Enroll?**

Project Lifesaver enrollment is open to persons diagnosed with a brain disorder which leads to wandering, i.e. Alzheimer's/other types of dementia, Autism, Down Syndrome, and Developmental disorders.

## **How Much Does It Cost?**

A Transmitter and bracelets are \$300 for the first year and include a one year supply of batteries and bracelets. After the first year there is a \$10/mo. service fee to change batteries by trained Project Lifesaver volunteers. For those in need, limited grant dollars may be available.

## **How Long Do We Keep The Bracelet?**

The one-time (first year) charge for the bracelet is good for as long as the transmitter is needed. If your needs change, the bracelet and transmitter are returned to the Sheriff's Office

## **How Do I Know It's Working?**

Caregivers are trained to do daily transmitter checks. Volunteers make monthly visits to replace batteries and check the bracelets. If anything is wrong between visits, caregivers can call the Sheriff's Office for help.

**Organizations and Law Enforcement Agencies have endorsed and pledged their support of Project Lifesaver International.**

National Autism Association  
Dennis Debbaudt  
RT Autism Awareness Foundation  
New York State Sheriff's Association  
National Sheriff's Association  
Virginia Sheriff's Association  
Alzheimer's Foundation of America  
Pilot International  
New Jersey Sheriff's Association  
Florida Sheriff's Association  
Commonwealth Autism Service  
International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners  
National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners

**Member**

Alzheimer's Foundation of America  
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Leave a Legacy

*Educational and community awareness programs have been a cornerstone to Project Lifesaver's success. Project Lifesaver volunteers are active in presenting information to civic groups, law enforcement agencies and various health care providers throughout the community and the nation.*

*"Lifesaver has given me an extensive sense of security. It is the first time in ten years that I can move from one room to another with any comfort of immediate help if I need."*

- Shirley Cassida  
Wife & Caregiver, Virginia Beach, VA

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

- Thomas R. Montgomery, M. D.  
Director, Developmental Disabilities  
Children Specialty Group, PLLC

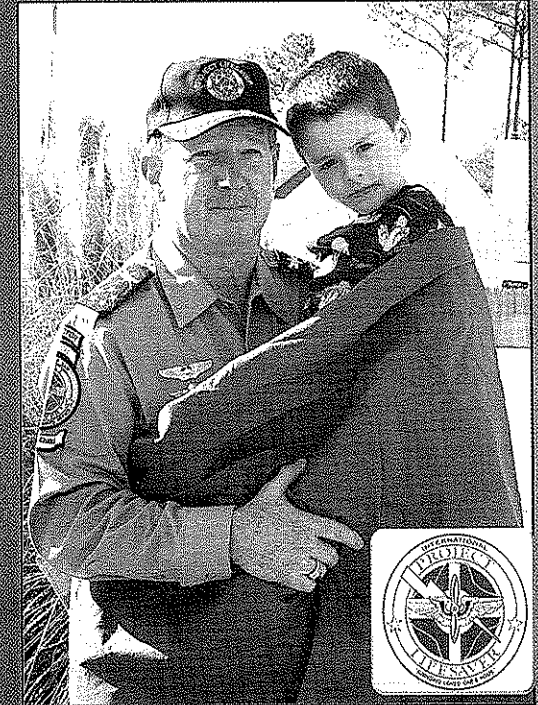


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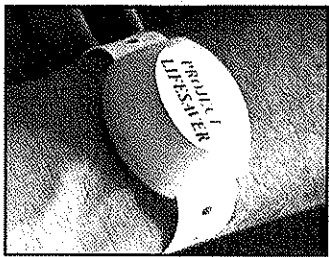
# Project Lifesaver® INTERNATIONAL



**A Public Safety Program  
designed to Protect and  
Locate Missing Persons  
due to Wandering**

**Alzheimer's Autism  
Down Syndrome  
Developmental Disorders**

Electronic Angels©



**Project Lifesaver Transmitter**

*Project Lifesaver was established in April of 1999 as an initiative of the 43rd Search and Rescue Company of the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office.*

*Project Lifesaver's mission is to use state of the art technology in assisting those who care for victims of Alzheimer's and other*

*Related Mental Dysfunction Disorders (ARMD) and victims who become lost. These victims include the elderly and even the youngest in our community who are afflicted with Down syndrome, Autism or developmental disorders. There are no boundaries—no one is immune!*

*The Project Lifesaver program places personalized radio transmitters on identified persons with ARMD who may wander away from the safety of their homes. These transmitters assist caregivers and local emergency agencies in locating those who cannot help themselves.*

- ◊ *A large number of transmitters have been placed on those with Alzheimer's, Dementia and children with Autism, Down syndrome or developmental disorders.*
- ◊ *Local emergency teams respond to calls resulting in an average rescue time of less than 30-minutes.*

*Project Lifesaver International is volunteer staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Volunteers assist in all aspects of Project Lifesaver International. Project Lifesaver's volunteers are important and new members are always welcome!*

**“Project Lifesaver Is designed to provide comfort for the family while safely guarding the victim.”**

Gene Saunders,  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Founder of  
Project Lifesaver

*Funding for Project Lifesaver is a result of private and corporate donations and grants. Since Project Lifesaver International is comprised of mainly volunteers, donations are used directly for programs, rescues and educational expenses.*



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