

Bringing Loved Ones Home

Participation requirements...

- Individuals diagnosed with the following:
 - a. Alzheimer's disease
 - b. Down syndrome
 - c. Autism spectrum disorder
 - d. Other dementia-related disorder
- Twenty-four (24) hour live in caretaker support
- Union County resident

Program Cost

- A fee of \$285 to cover the cost of the transmitter (cost may be offset or waived based on demonstrable financial need)
- Maintenance fee of \$15 per month which covers battery replacement and to ensure the proper working order of the unit
(Non-Waivable)

For non-emergent issues or questions regarding
Project Lifesaver
Contact:

Union County Sheriff's Office
908-527-4450

www.ucnj.org/sheriff

or

www.projectlifesaver.org

*Union County
Sheriff's
Office*



Project Lifesaver

When a family member wanders away and becomes lost, Project Lifesaver offers help and hope that they will be returned quickly.

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Peter Corvelli, Sheriff*



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Since 2003, the Union County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with ***Project Lifesaver International*** continues to bring to the citizens of Union County a valuable service in Project Lifesaver.

This program is a valuable tool for law enforcement to assist in the locating of lost or wandering individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia disorders such as Down syndrome and autism spectrum disorder. The facts are that over 5,700,000 people in the U.S.A. have Alzheimer's disease. That number will triple by 2050. Well over 50% of these people will wander or become lost and possibly put themselves at serious risk of injury or even death.



A lost person with Alzheimer's disease, dementia or a child with autism is classified as a *critical emergency*

These individuals usually will not call out for help and will not respond to those who may be searching for their safe return. The first minutes after a loved one is noticed missing can be extremely stressful for the family. Knowing what to do and who to call can be vital to a quick and safe recovery.

How ***Project Lifesaver*** works...

Specially trained Sheriff's Officers will come to your home and provide the participant and their family with an understanding of how the equipment works as well as...

Educating the family about the safeguarding of loved ones and how to prevent a family member from wandering

How to initiate a response should an emergency arise

Care and maintenance of the Project Lifesaver unit

Project Lifesaver relies on proven battery-operated radio transmitter technology and specially trained Sheriff's Officers from the Search and Rescue Unit.



Once a tracking unit is placed on the wrist of a participant, a pulse wave radio frequency is emitted from the device 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. The radio signal frequency is unique to the person wearing the tracking unit.



Should an emergency arise, an on-call Sheriff's Officer will respond to the last known location of the individual. With specialized equipment, the officer can start tracking the "signal" that is emitted from the unit. This equipment will hone in on the signal which can lead to a quick recovery.

