

## About The Project

**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.

Victims of AMDR tend to wander from their homes, The project places radio transmitters on identified persons with ARMD. These transmitters assist caregivers and local emergency agencies in locating those who cannot help themselves.



*Project Lifesaver is sponsored by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and supported by Jefferson Search and Rescue.*



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# Project Lifesaver

presented by  
**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



**A Proven Program**  
to Locate At-Risk People Who May Wander



**Alzheimer's • Autism • Down's Syndrome**

## DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A SAFETY NET

Project Lifesaver is designed to provide a safety net for the most vulnerable citizens in our community. Each client is provided a small electronic bracelet that emits a unique radio signal 24 hours a day.

- When a client wanders, a call to 911 by the caregiver triggers a rapid response by a trained team within the Sheriff's Office and Jefferson Search and Rescue.
- Using a mobile locator system, search crews are able to monitor the transmitter signal and locate the client.
- The signal can be detected inside a building or outside, day or night, up to a mile away on the ground and 5-6 miles from the air.



**PROJECT LIFESAVER** is available to *all residents* of Jefferson County suffering from disease or injuries that affect their memory, who have the tendency to wander. Trained deputies and Search and Rescue volunteers are available 24/7.

# THE NEED FOR Project Lifesaver

**OVER 5 MILLION PEOPLE** in the USA have Alzheimer's or a related disorder. That number will triple by 2050. Well over 500/0 of these people wander and become lost. A lost person with Alzheimer's, Autism or other medical disorders represents a critical emergency. Nearly half of them will die and many become injured if they are not located within 24 hours.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS

deploy specially trained teams with the most reliable technology available to quickly locate and return wandering adults and children to their family and caregivers.

## BEFORE THE NEED ARISES

**FOR A RESCUE** the relationship is established and developed between Project Lifesaver team members and the people who may wander.

Team members visit the home of the bracelet recipients to install the transmitter and change batteries monthly. Team members are not only trained in the use of the electronic tracking equipment, but especially in methods to communicate with a person who has Alzheimer's or a related disorder. Locating the person is only a part of the mission. The person who is lost may be disoriented, anxious and untrusting. The Project Lifesaver team member knows how to approach the person, gain their trust and put them at ease for the trip home.



## AN ACTIVE RESPONSE

Project Lifesaver, a nonprofit organization, has become internationally recognized as an aggressive and proven program that saves lives. It is an active response to a problem of locating wandering patients before they fall victim to the elements.

