

What is Project Lifesaver ?

Project Lifesaver is a national program administered locally by a joint effort between the Somerset County Sheriff's Office & the County Office on Aging in cooperation with municipal police. Caregivers must enroll their loved ones in advance to have them protected by this program.

Project Lifesaver has completed over 1,000 successful search & rescue missions for wandering victims of Alzheimer's disease, Down syndrome, autism and dementia type disorders. To date Project Lifesaver has a 100% recovery rate. All persons were found alive and returned home. Project Lifesaver uses electronic tracking systems to locate the individual during a wandering incident. Project Lifesaver is not an identification bracelet with a toll free number. This type of bracelet does not locate the client; once the client is located and someone calls the number, information about the client is available. Many times, wandering incidents end tragically because the individual is not found quickly enough. The difference between an identification bracelet and an active tracking device is paramount to locating the person fast enough to save a life. Project Lifesaver has been successful because it actually locates the person quickly before it is too late.

Caregivers of Project Lifesaver enrollees are instructed to call 911 immediately upon discovering an enrollee is missing, and to remain at the location where the client was last seen.

How Project Lifesaver Works

Project Lifesaver relies on radio technology and specially trained Sheriff's Officers. Clients that are enrolled in the Project Lifesaver program wear a personalized transmitter that emits a tracking signal. This one-ounce battery-operated radio transmitter has a unique radio frequency and emits an automatic tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day. The Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver Task Force is equipped with special tracking equipment that can receive each radio frequency up to about one mile. In the event that a client becomes missing, the caregiver will immediately call 911 and the task force will be deployed to the location where client was point last seen.

Who Benefits from the Program?

The Elderly Impacted By:

- Alzheimer's Disease
- Dementia

Children With Developmental

Disorders Such As:

- Down Syndrome
- Autism

How can I get this assistance for a loved one?

Contact the Somerset County Office on Aging/NJEASE at (908) 704-6346 or toll free at 1-888-747-1122 and a specialist will go over the program and its eligibility requirements. For more info, go to http://www.somcosheriff.org/project_life_saver.htm .