

How Project Lifesaver Saves Lives

A 45 year-old man suffering from a traumatic brain injury became lost and disoriented. A deputy sheriff specially trained and equipped by Project Lifesaver was able to locate the man 1.5 miles from his home within 20 minutes.

An 80 year-old woman with Alzheimer's disease wandered from her home at night. The family contacted Project Lifesaver upon learning she was missing. Two Sheriff's vehicles equipped with Project Lifesaver equipment arrived on the scene and located the woman laying in a tobacco field. She had wandered into the field, fell, and could not get up. Rescuers reported that a person standing up to 10 feet away would not have noticed that a person was laying there. The helpless woman could have died if not located by Project Lifesaver.

Funding

Project Lifesaver, a non-profit 501C(3) charitable organization, depends upon the support of the community. Project Lifesaver's goal is to provide the benefits of the program to all in need regardless of their ability to pay. All contributions made to Project Lifesaver are tax deductible and are used directly for program operations including rescues, equipment and education.

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Project Lifesaver is a reliable rapid-response partnership with law enforcement aiding victims and families suffering from Alzheimer's disease, dementia, Epilepsy, Down Syndrome and other related illnesses.

How Project Lifesaver Works

Project Lifesaver relies on proven radio technology and a specially trained search and rescue team. Clients that are enrolled in the Project Lifesaver program receive a radio transmitter device that emits a tracking signal which is attached to their wrist or ankle by way of a plastic or nylon wristband. When caregivers notify the local Project Lifesaver agency that the person is missing, a search and rescue team responds to the wanderer's area and starts searching with the mobile locator tracking system. Search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. In over 2,000 searches nationwide, there have been no reported serious injuries or deaths. Recovery times average less than 30 minutes. The Project Lifesaver bracelet is much more than a passive ID bracelet. It is a one-ounce battery-operated radio transmitter emitting an automatic tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day. The signal is tracked on the ground or in the air over several miles. As each bracelet has a unique radio frequency, the Project Lifesaver search team positively locates and identifies the person who has wandered away from home or a care facility. Project Lifesaver is the only program of its kind in the world and is considered to be the most reliable search and rescue program ever established. As of July 2011, over 2,400 persons in North America have been located successfully and uninjured in an average time of less than 30 minutes,

normally using only two to three public safety responders. The program has proven to be the world's most successful system at locating persons missing due to dementia, Alzheimer's disease, autism, and other related illnesses, saving time, manpower, money and most important, saving lives! State of the art technology now used by Project Lifesaver is manufactured by Locator Systems Corporation in Victoria, BC Canada, a subsidiary of LoJack, Inc.

Technology is Only Half the Story

Project Lifesaver belongs to each community. It's all about people and partnerships. Local law enforcement, civic groups, local businesses, and caregivers join in developing and strengthening all aspects of the program including rescues, education and especially fund raising so that families in financial need can have the protection and peace of mind. Project Lifesaver emphasizes relationships between team members and the people who wander before the need may arise for a rescue. Team members visit the home of the bracelet recipients to install the transmitter and make regular visits to maintain the equipment. Project Lifesaver teams are specially trained, not only in search and rescue and the use of the electronic tracking equipment, but also in the methods necessary to communicate with a person who has Alzheimer's disease or related disorder. Locating the individual is only part of the mission. The person who is located will be disoriented, anxious, and untrusting. The Project Lifesaver team knows how to approach the person, gain their trust and put them at ease for the trip home.

Help Protect the "Greatest Generation"

By forming partnerships with local law enforcement and public safety organizations, Project Lifesaver deploys specially trained teams with the most reliable technology available to quickly locate and return wandering adults and children to their families and caregivers.

Over 5,000,000 people in the USA have Alzheimer's. That number will triple by 2050. Well over 50% of these people wander and become lost. A lost person with Alzheimer's or other dementia represents a critical emergency. They are unaware of their situation, they do not call out for help and do not respond to people calling out to them. Nearly half of them will die and many can become injured or fall victim to predators if they are not located within 24 hours. The number of people, families and communities experiencing this risk will grow dramatically in the next few years.

Companies and individuals can do their part in protecting the "Greatest Generation". Make a donation through Fayette County Sheriff's Office.