

How Project Lifesaver Works

Project Lifesaver relies on proven radio technology and Union County Deputies who are specially trained in search and rescue. The clients enrolled in the Project Lifesaver program wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal.



When caregivers notify the Union County Sheriff's Office that their loved one is missing, the Project Lifesaver 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 1900 searches nationwide, there have been no reported serious injuries or deaths. With a 100% success rate, recovery times average less than 30 minutes.



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Over 5,000,000 people in the USA have Alzheimer's disease. 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 may 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.

Peace of Mind !

The Project Lifesaver program is designed to work with those who are in the wandering stages of their disease.

The Project Lifesaver Coordinator will send an application form to the interested caregiver. The completed Project Lifesaver application must include a letter of support from the candidate's physician. Upon receipt of the application and physician letter, a board of qualified professionals will review the application and determine if the candidate is appropriate for inclusion in the program.

Once the application is approved, the Project Lifesaver Coordinator will meet with the responsible person(s) to fill out a client profile and program contract. Additionally, the client will be outfitted with a transmitter and a demonstration of the equipment given. A Project Lifesaver operator will visit each month to conduct a test and replace batteries in the transmitters.

To enroll someone in the Project Lifesaver program, please contact the Project Lifesaver Coordinator, **Deputy Richard Crabtree** at 937-645-4100 ext. 4310.



The Union County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with local civic and business organizations, is pleased to make available the Project Lifesaver program to residents of Union County.

Our hope is to offer a helping hand and proactive approach to those who have a family member experiencing the difficulties of Alzheimer's disease, Autism, Down syndrome or any other condition that causes a person to wander.

The Union County Sheriff's Office is specially trained, not only in search and rescue and the use of the Project Lifesaver electronic tracking equipment, but also in the methods necessary to communicate with a person who has Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

Most often, the person who is located will be disoriented, anxious and untrusting. Our rescue teams are well trained on how to approach the person and return them home safely.

It is an honor to be a part of this program.

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Project Lifesaver is an innovative rapid response program aiding victims and families suffering from Alzheimer's disease and related disorders such as Down syndrome and Autism.



Project Lifesaver, which is in many communities across Ohio and the Nation, has been proven to save lives by significantly reducing the rescue and recovery time.