

Project Lifesaver Users

Any family member or loved one who may suffer from any of the following conditions, who may not be able to return home safely

- Alzheimer's
- Dementia
- Down Syndrome
- Autism
- Mentally or Emotionally Challenged

Project Lifesaver Partners

The Burlington County Sheriff's Department has partnered with some of our local police departments in **Bordentown Twp, Burlington Twp, Chesterfield, Florence, Mansfield, Mt. Laurel and Palmyra** to provide quick and immediate 24/7 response throughout Burlington County, to help ensure the safe return of your loved one.

For Information and To Register Someone for Project Lifesaver

Please contact the Burlington County Sheriff's Department, Senior Services Unit at telephone number 609-265-5785 for information about Project Lifesaver, and to register your family member or loved one in this valuable service.

Family members and loved ones may also be registered in our **Persons-At-Risk Program** at the same time. This is a *FREE* confidential database available only to law enforcement and emergency first responders that provides descriptive information, a photograph and any medical conditions that may exist. This information is used solely to help locate or identify someone who is lost.

Visit our website at:

www.co.burlington.nj.us/sheriff

Or e-mail: jnapier@co.burlington.nj.us

Burlington County Project Lifesaver Task Force

- Burlington County Sheriff's Department
Jean E. Stanfield, Sheriff
- Burlington County Office on Aging
- Bordentown Twp. Police Department
- Burlington Twp. Police Department
- Chesterfield Twp. Police Department
- Florence Twp. Police Department
- Mansfield Twp. Police Department
- Palmyra Police Department
- Mount Laurel Police Department

For Information
609-265-5785



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**BURLINGTON COUNTY
PROJECT LIFESAVER
TASK FORCE**



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Project Lifesaver protects individuals who wander and gives peace of mind to caregivers, families and communities.

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

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.

Partners in Project Lifesaver

Why Was Project Lifesaver Developed?

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. 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 several years.

If you are not yet touched in some way by Alzheimer's or a related disorder, chances are you will be within the next several years. You will find it among neighbors, your friends, co-workers and their families, and perhaps within your own family.

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



Project Lifesaver Transmitter Wristband

How Project Lifesaver Works

Project Lifesaver relies on proven radio technology and specially trained search and rescue teams. People who are part of the Project Lifesaver program wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal. When caregivers notify **Emergency 9-1-1** 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.



Project Lifesaver wristband shown with its internal transmitter removed for inspection

Leading the Way with Rapid Response and Reliable Equipment.

Project Lifesaver Law Enforcement teams rapidly locate wandering people and bring them home. Project Lifesaver's radio frequency equipment is the most reliable and practical technology available in locating the missing and wandering.

Technology is Only Half the Story

Project Lifesaver is about people and partnerships. The focus is on individual communities where law enforcement, civic groups, local business and the caregivers join in developing and strengthening all aspects of the program including rescues, fundraising and education.

Members of the Burlington County Project Lifesaver team are specially trained, not only in use of the electronic tracking equipment, but especially in the methods 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.

Funding Project Lifesaver

We used grant money and forfeited funds to start our program, but its growth 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. The cost of Project Lifesaver per patient is approximately \$300 and \$10 monthly for battery and band replacement. Any individual or group who would like to assist by contributing to this program should call 609-265-5785 for more information.



Project Lifesaver Mobile Digital Receiver Used By Law Enforcement to Locate Missing Person