

The Technology

Project Lifesaver's state-of-the-art equipment is the most reliable and practical technology available for locating missing persons.

The transmitter that is worn emits a silent signal every second, 24 hours a day. This signal is tracked on the ground or air over several miles.



Since each wristband has a unique frequency, the Project Lifesaver search team can quickly locate the person who has wandered away from home. This specialized equipment, combined with the Project Lifesaver Electronic Search Specialist training, has led to a 100% success rate.

More Information

Contact our Project Lifesaver coordinator at 703.746.5151 or write:

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Sheriff Sean Casey

Community, Compassion & Commitment

The mission of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office is to protect the life and property of our citizens and those placed in our custody and to provide quality services to the people of the City of Alexandria.

We will serve our community with honor, integrity, and compassion, and will fulfill, with dedication to excellence, all legal mandates prescribed by our federal, state, and local governments.

Alexandria Sheriff's Office



PROJECT LIFESAVER

Bringing Loved Ones Home

**Dedicated to helping those
who wander due to autism,
Alzheimer's, Down syndrome,
dementia and other related
cognitive conditions.**

What is Project Lifesaver?

Project Lifesaver is a program that assists in providing a timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, Down syndrome and other related conditions or disorders. Project Lifesaver has a successful track record of locating and returning wandering adults and children to families and caregivers.

The program relies on proven technology and specially trained search and rescue teams. Project Lifesaver clients wear a personalized wristband that emits an invisible tracking signal. When caregivers notify the Sheriff's Office that a loved one is missing, a search and rescue team responds to the area and starts searching with specialized tracking equipment.

Utilizing this technology, search times have been reduced from hours and days to an average of less than 30 minutes. Project Lifesaver has over 1,700 participating agencies across the U.S., Canada, and Australia, and has performed more than 3800 searches in the last 22 years with no serious injuries or fatalities reported.



Who is Eligible?

The safety of the citizens of the City of Alexandria is our highest priority. We accept clients with Alzheimer's disease, autism, and Down syndrome. We will also consider people who have other disorders that may cause them to chronically wander and become lost.



What is Required to Participate?

To enter someone into the Alexandria Project Lifesaver program, the following requirements must be met:

1. The client must be a resident of the City of Alexandria (those residing in the "Alexandria" portions of Fairfax County may be eligible for the Fairfax County Project Lifesaver Program through Fairfax County Sheriff's Office).
2. The client must have a legally responsible caregiver willing to place the client in the program.
3. Clients and caregivers must abide by the conditions of the program and contract.
4. Completion of the application process.

How Can I Help?

We are looking for persons, organizations, and corporations interested in helping those in need in the City of Alexandria. In order to fund and maintain the program, and provide for those who cannot afford it, we accept donations.

Your donation to Project Lifesaver, (designated to Alexandria) a non-profit 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, is tax deductible and all contributions are used directly for program operations including rescues, equipment and education. Please feel free to contact the office at 703.746.5151 to learn more.

Project Lifesaver History

The 43rd Virginia Search and Rescue officially formed Project Lifesaver. In April of 1999, the first personal locator unit was put in place in Chesapeake, VA. In the spring of 2008, the Alexandria Project Lifesaver program began with the Alexandria Sheriff's Office and Alexandria Police Department, in cooperation with the Kelley Cares Foundation.

Eight deputies, six police officers, and a member of the Therapeutic Recreation Center comprised the first class for electronic search specialists. Currently, the program is administered by the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, and we continue to conduct additional training in order to provide the most effective search and rescue program in the City of Alexandria.

