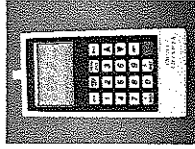


What is Project Lifesaver - Iowa?

Project Lifesaver - Iowa is a program that provides a tracking system to locate individuals who have the tendency to wander and become lost.

How does it work?

Individuals enrolled in the program wear a bracelet on the wrist or ankle that emits a radio signal every second. The lost person is located using receivers that pick up this signal. The signal is specific and personalized for each individual.

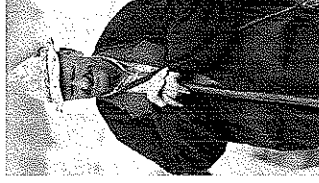


Who can utilize the program?

Any person who has the tendency to wander can benefit from the program. Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Down's Syndrome, Autism and other related disorders are candidates for the bracelets.

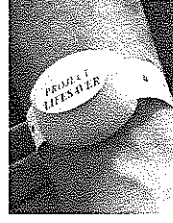
What happens when an enrollee wanders?

The caregiver notifies the local law enforcement agency and a search is initiated using trained and certified tracking personnel. Search and rescue times are drastically reduced from hours and days to minutes.



How much does it cost?

The cost of the transmitter (bracelet) is \$300 and a \$10 monthly maintenance fee is charged for battery replacement. Scholarships, lease options, and state funding may be available for those who cannot afford the initial and/or ongoing cost.



Why should someone participate in Project Lifesaver - Iowa?

Peace of mind for caregivers is a primary reason for enrollment in the program. It alleviates the anxiety associated with wandering habits of loved ones. Also it is an active response to the problem of locating wandering patients before they fall victim to the elements, accidents or predators.

How do I enroll someone?

To enroll in the program, call Northwest Aging Association (1-800-242-5033) to speak with the program coordinator. The process and the requirements of enrollment will be explained before a bracelet is provided.

Program Locations?

Project Lifesaver - Iowa serves nine counties in northwest Iowa - Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, and Sioux. Any public safety organization is welcome to expand the program throughout Iowa.

Who sponsors the program?

Project Lifesaver - Iowa is a collaborative effort between Fire Departments, Law Enforcement and other agencies.

Project Lifesaver - Iowa is a partnership of:

- Clay County Sheriff
- Dickinson County Sheriff
- Spencer Police Department
- Clay County S.A.L.T. Triad
- Dickinson County S.A.L.T.
- Buena Vista County Sheriff
- Emmet County Sheriff
- Lyon County Sheriff
- O'Brien County Sheriff
- Osceola County Sheriff
- Palo Alto County Sheriff
- Sioux County Sheriff

Project Lifesaver is also available in Scott County and Sioux City, Iowa.



S.A.L.T. Triad

Funding provided through a grant from Iowa Department of Elder Affairs - Elder Abuse Initiative

www.projectlifesaver.org
www.nwaging.org

Are there other Project Lifesaver programs?

Project Lifesaver was started in Chesapeake, Virginia and is continuing to grow nationally and internationally. Northwest Aging Association is the program coordinator for the State of Iowa.

"Project Lifesaver is designed to provide comfort for the family while safely guarding the victim. More than 1600 successful searches have been conducted."

*Col. Saunders in Virginia
Commander of the 43rd Search & Rescue*

"Lifesaver has given me an extensive sense of security. It is the first time in years that I can move from one room to another with any comfort. I have the comfort of immediate help if I need it."

*Shirley in Virginia
Wife and caregiver*

Project Lifesaver - Iowa

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Project Lifesaver-Iowa



*Tracking Program for
individuals who wander.*



Northwest Aging Association

Project Lifesaver International



Program Implementation Costs

I. Membership Fee (One-Time Member Agency Fee)

\$ 2,850

Membership Fee includes the following

A) Two-day training course for Law Enforcement and Public Safety Personnel with a maximum class capacity of 15 officers from your department. (Class may include officers from other agencies with approval from Project Lifesaver International.)

The course was developed to train law enforcement and search and rescue organizations to use electronic tracking equipment in conjunction with an established proactive profile and monitoring program to locate missing persons suffering from dementia, or to locate children with Autism and persons with Down syndrome. The course also provides orientation into understanding characteristics; wander behavior motivations and techniques for effective communication needs of these three wander-prone groups.

Students who complete this course become "Certified" Electronic Search Specialist in using Project Lifesaver International approved electronic tracking equipment.

B) One-day Instructor course for up to 6 persons (Must be Electronic Search Specialist Certified). These officers can ensure the future growth of your community Project Lifesaver program by training additional staff or re-certifying existing staff within your organization.

C) Membership with Alzheimer's Foundation of America, a complete Agency Paperwork Package, Instructor Package (includes sample SOP, Templates of forms, and guides). Technical Assistance, Program Guidance Advice, Up to Date news on new items, Research and Development Benefits, Funding Assistance, Financial Incentives, Annual Conference Benefits, National Organization Benefits, Grant Opportunities, Public Safety Equipment Discounts, Client management software program access, Client Financial Services, Discounted Travel, Operator Certification and Re-Certification, and Promotional Assistance.

II. Start-up Equipment Package

\$4,830

Two Complete Emergency Locator Systems

- 2 Professional Series VHF Digital Receivers w/4 Band capability & waterproof
- 2 AC & DC Chargers
- 2 Directional Hand-Held Yagi Antennas and Cables
- 2 Omni-Directional Magnetic Mount Vehicle Antennas and Cables
- 2 Professional Series Quality Headsets
- 2 VHF Transmitters w. batteries and bands
- 2 Receiver Belt Clips
- 2 Software Cd-Rom Disks for Downloading Search Information

Total Program Implementation Cost

\$7,680

(Plus instructors travel expenses, billed separately)

Steps to Join Project Lifesaver:

1. **Submit a "Letter of Intent"** on departmental letterhead stating; desire to join Project Lifesaver, a contact person with info, shipping address, billing address, and a list of any additional equipment to purchase.
2. **Include *A 50% deposit** of the total amount of the initial order with the letter of intent. *Balance due within 45 days from submission of the "Letter of Intent". (Finance Charges Accrue on Past Due Accounts)
3. **Sign Project Lifesaver's Operational Agreement** for New Agencies and return to Project Lifesaver.
4. **Schedule Training dates** with Project Lifesaver International Training Division. Training must be scheduled to take place within 45 days from submission of the letter of intent.

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Project Lifesaver Technology Locates lost girl in Iowa

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A Siouxland family is breathing a sigh of relief. That's just 24 hours after their little girl went missing from her Alta, Iowa, home.

The Seven-year-old girl loves to make a splash in her backyard pool. And, like most kids her age, she also likes to hide from grown-ups. But, a disappearing act Wednesday night left her family frantic. "I just brought her in and said we're gonna drive around, and she was already out," said her grandmother.

The girl, whose autistic, jumped out of her grandma's car, headed down the street in her Alta, Iowa neighborhood, to a place her family least expected. "A guy spotted her walking down the middle of the road. I couldn't imagine where she would have gone that fast," said Launderville.

She had to walk 10 blocks and cross a busy highway to get to her destination. "I don't know how she did that without getting hit by a car,"

By now, her grandparents had enlisted the help of friends, neighbors, and local authorities. They tracked her down at the Buena Vista County fairgrounds. "They were concerned that maybe the child had fallen in a hole," said Chuck Eddy, Buena Vista County Sheriff.

Minutes later, authorities found her here in the grandstands watching the races. "I would have never thought to look out there for her," her grandmother said. "You know we looked everywhere else, but it was such a short period of time, that I couldn't believe she even got out there that fast."

She credits this bracelet with her granddaughter's safe return. Inside is a transmitter that alerted deputies to her whereabouts. Called "project lifesaver", it helped authorities find her in less than 15 minutes. "It's a good system," Eddy said. "I mean if they would happen to walk away, get lost, it works fantastic."

Buena Vista County's participated in the "lifesaver" program for years, but the little girl's disappearance was the first time they ever had to use it. While, they hope they never have to again, both Eddy and the family are glad it helped bring a happy ending to the family's scary story.

"Project lifesaver" started as a way to keep track of Alzheimer's patients. But, families of special needs children have also used the bracelets with much success across the country.

Missing Autistic Girl, 5, Found Dead In Blaine

Blaine, Minn. (WCCO) — A 5-year-old autistic girl is dead after she wandered away from home on Thursday afternoon, according to the Blaine Police Department.

Police said Kaylie Dickerson's body was found about 300 yards from her home in a retaining pond at about 3:30 Thursday afternoon.

"It was the worst of all possible endings," Blaine Police Chief Dave Johnson said.

According to police, her mom reported Kaylie missing from home on the 12900 block of Radisson Road in Blaine, Minn. at around 1:15 Thursday afternoon. Police say her home has numerous devices meant to alert her parents if she leaves the home but somehow she managed to sneak out.

"It appears that she got out of the house without her mom knowing, despite all of the precautions the family had taken to make sure she could not wander away," Johnson said.

Police first found Kaylie's pillow -- which she carried with her everywhere -- in the backyard of her home. That prompted them to call in dive teams since there are many ponds in the area.

The Minnesota State Patrol also had their helicopter in the area searching for the 5-year-old.

"It's very sad it was overwhelming that so many of the neighbors came out and really wanted to participate and help search. I think we all hoped that she was just hiding," said neighbor Vickie Anderson.

"The house had numerous, various types of devices to ensure she couldn't get out of the house, but evidently she still was able to do so," said Johnson.

The entire neighborhood fell silent as news spread that the girl was not alive.

"Same age as my daughter, so very emotional for all of us and there are so many children in the neighborhood," said Anderson.

Breanne Anderson's parents talked to her about the little girl and why she should always be where her parents can see her.

"Never go out of your mommy and daddy's sight," said 5-year-old Breanne Anderson. Just two years ago there was a similar accident in Blaine.

Police said it this looks like this was just an accident. It appears the family took every possible step to secure the home. In August of 2005, a 4-year-old girl died after she was found in a retention pond.



Body of missing woman found in Wyoming



Julie Webster

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The search for a Minnesota woman who has been missing since Friday has ended tragically. The family of Julie Kay Webster learned from the Hennepin County Sheriff's office Wednesday afternoon that the missing woman's body was found near her car on a roadside near Buffalo, Wyoming.

Foul play is not suspected.

Authorities had found Webster's car on a gravel road in a remote area about 70 miles from Gillette, Wyoming.

Webster was last seen purchasing gasoline in Gillette on Friday.

Investigators didn't know how long Webster's car had been sitting near Buffalo, said Julie Anderson, spokeswoman for the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department.

Webster, 58, of Deephaven, had early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Before her car was found, authorities said she may be lost and confused.

Webster was supposed to pick her daughter up at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on Friday morning but never showed up. Police have said she talked with a clerk at the Humphrey Terminal late Friday morning and asked for directions to the main terminal.

About 12:30 p.m., she bought gas in St. James, about 120 miles southwest of the Twin Cities. She was spotted in Wyoming less than nine hours later.

Webster was a mother of three, she taught second-grade for nearly 30 years. She was a breast cancer survivor and a tennis player.