

“Project Lifesaver is a wonderful program that will help to keep those who are unaware of their surroundings out of harm’s way so they can be quickly and safely returned to their family members. I am proud to have helped provide funding to make this lifesaving program a reality”



- Senator John A. DeFrancisco

“Project Lifesaver will help give peace of mind to caregivers and family members. I want to care for my husband to the best of my ability and I know this program will help. Project Lifesaver can prevent Ron from becoming lost, taken advantage of, and help return him home to his family.”



Ruth & Ronald Boshart

— Ruth Boshart  
Wife & Caregiver, Camillus, New York

“ Project Lifesaver provides comfort to families without compromising the safety or dignity of their loved one.”

Kevin E. Walsh

Onondaga County Sheriff



*Educational and community awareness programs have been a cornerstone to Project Lifesaver’s success. The Sheriff’s Office is committed to present information to civic groups and various health care providers throughout the community.*

For more information on enrollment contact

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# Project Lifesaver

International

Electronic

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To Locate

Missing Persons



The  
Onondaga County  
Sheriff’s Office

**A PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM TO LOCATE  
MISSING PERSONS SUFFERING FROM  
DEMENTIA-TYPE DISORDERS**

Alzheimer’s

Autism

Down syndrome

## The Need To Protect Those Who Wander

Over 5,000,000 people in the USA have Alzheimer's and related disorders. This number is expected to triple by 2050. Well over 50% of these people wander and become lost. Unaware of their situation, people with Alzheimer's often fail to call out for help or respond to people calling out to them.



Nearly half of those who wander will die and many become injured or fall victim to predators if they are not located within 24 hours.

## How Project Lifesaver Works

Each participant is fitted with a personalized Project Lifesaver wristband. This unique wristband is a one-ounce battery-operated transmitter that emits an automatic tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day.



This signal can be tracked by our specially trained personnel on the ground or in the air.

## Personal Protection

Project Lifesaver emphasizes relationships between specially trained Sheriff's personnel and the people who may wander **before** the need may arise for a rescue.



Initially, Sheriff's Deputies will conduct a home visit to install the

personalized wristband transmitter and provide family members or care providers a comprehensive overview of the program.

Trained in communicating with a person who has Alzheimer's disease, deputies will schedule a monthly home visit to inspect and maintain the equipment to insure its operability.



## Rescue Response

If a loved one should wander off, a simple call placed to **911** will alert the Onondaga County Sheriff's search team. The Sheriff's Office can deploy three receivers capable of identifying and locating an individual. The Sheriff's Air-1 helicopter is capable of tracking a signal within a 7-mile-radius and can be used to direct search teams on the ground.



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