Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver’s mission is to use state of the art technology to find persons with Alzheimer’s, autism, Asperger syndrome, Down syndrome, dementia or any other cognitive condition that may cause them to wander and become lost.

A lost person with a cognitive condition represents a critical emergency. They are often unaware of their situation. They may not call out for help and sometimes do not respond to people calling out to them.

Project Lifesaver consists of a bracelet with a personalized radio transmitter. This technology allows Brunswick Police Officers to locate the wearer in the event that they become lost, often with an average rescue time of less than 30 minutes.

This program can help ease the concerns of caregivers who are trying to cope with wandering behaviors.

Since 2014, the Brunswick Police Department has participated in Project Lifesaver, a non-profit that trains Law Enforcement in using electronic tracking via a special bracelet to locate people with conditions and disorders like Alzheimer’s, dementia, Down syndrome or autism, that may cause them to wander.

“Project Lifesaver is designed to provide comfort for the family, while safely guarding the victim.”
Gene Saunders, CEO & Founder
Project Lifesaver International

For information on this program, contact:

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Where can I get information?
Please call the Brunswick Police Department at: 207.725.5521 and speak with Communications Officer Joe Westrich or Patrol Officer Whitney Burns.
Or send an e-mail to: jwestrich@brunswickpd.org orwburns@brunswickpd.org
For information on Project Lifesaver International, visit: www.projectlifesaver.org.

Who can utilize the program?
Any resident of Brunswick who has a tendency to wander can benefit from the program. Persons with dementia and related disorders are candidates for the bracelets, as well as children with Down syndrome, autism, and other related medical conditions.

What happens when an enrollee wanders?
The caregiver notifies the Brunswick Police Department and a search is initiated using trained and certified tracking personnel. Search times are reduced from hours and days to minutes.

This program is sponsored by the Brunswick Police Department.