



The Perry Township Police Department highly recommends this program.

Chief John Petrozzi

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the beginning of a new program known as Project Lifesaver. This program was started by Project Lifesaver International as a method to bring home safely, family members who are afflicted with illnesses such as Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism, Down Syndrome and others who are prone to wander off and become lost. We have recently acquired the training and equipment to begin this program and offer it to all citizens of Franklin County. How it works:

Project Lifesaver uses a radio frequency transmitter that resembles a wrist watch without a face. The transmitter is placed on the at risk individual who has been diagnosed with one of the qualifying conditions. Deputies assess whether all conditions required to place the at risk individual into the program are met. Once a new client has been accepted and placed into the program, if the person were to become missing, deputies trained as electronic search specialist would respond to the area and begin the search. A typical search relying on foot officers, volunteers, helicopters and other resources can take from a few hours to 72 hours or more. Using Project Lifesaver and the equipment provided, the average search has been shown to take 20 minutes to 1-1/2 hours. This is critical, especially when you consider the possibility of injury and adverse weather such as extreme heat or cold.

**Project Lifesaver has over 1,300 participating agencies throughout 47 states in the U.S., Canada, and Australia, and has performed 2,885 searches over the last 15 years with no serious injuries or fatalities ever reported.**

If you are interested in Project Lifesaver and whether or not your loved one may qualify, please feel free to contact Sgt. Samuel Byrd at 614-525-6317 or Deputy Tony Casper at 614-525-4507.

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