

## **PROJECT LIFESAVER PROGRAM**

Project Lifesaver is the premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies, and is strategically designed for “at risk” individuals who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition.

The program is operated under the Greene County Sheriff’s Department (GCSD). Clients include those that have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Dementia, Down syndrome, Autism or other cognitive disabilities that makes them a risk by wandering and the potential to get lost.

Presently, GCSD has a few Project Lifesaver units available for immediate use. As long as units are available, there is no start up or recurring monthly fees. If units are unavailable when a new client wishes to enroll, the Sheriff’s Department asks that clients purchase a unit for a one-time cost, approximately \$300.00.

Project Lifesaver does not relieve the caretakers of their regular care duties. Constant care and observation of the client should always be regarded. The unit is NOT a GPS device.

The unit is the size of the face of a medium-size watch. It is secured to the client’s wrist or leg by a lockable band. The “bracelet” broadcasts a specific radio frequency. When GCSD is called upon, they can program the locator devices and begin the search.

Enrollment takes about an hour. GCSD Deputy Kristopher Danko will sit down with the caretakers and the client to complete paperwork. He fully explains the program and makes sure there are no further questions before he leaves.

Deputy Danko is available for further information if needed at 518-943-3300. Further information can also be found on [www.projectlifesaver.org](http://www.projectlifesaver.org)

