# Organizations and Norfolk County OPP have endorsed and pledged their support of Norfolk County Project Lifesaver.

Project Lifesaver is a bracelet that is worn by a person at risk of wandering. The bracelet transmits a radio signal that can be detected by a tracking device. Should a person wander off, the police are contacted immediately. Police have the tracking equipment to commence an efficient and quick search.

Past incidents have shown that over 2,845 clients have been safely returned home due to the success of Project Lifesaver International.

The overwhelming community support for this program enabled the purchase of bracelets that will be available to anyone meeting the criteria.

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"Project Lifesaver allows victims suffering from Alzheimer's and other related dementia's to reside safely in their own homes. Should they wander off, Project Lifesaver allows families the comfort of knowing we will be able to search for their loved one efficiently and return them home in a timely manner".

Staff Sergeant Rick Tout Detachment Manager Norfolk County OPP

"Our changing climate increases the risk to patients suffering from dementia. It's not only a concern to their family and friends, but to the community and local organizations who work together to provide quality of life in a safe environment. Project Lifesaver offers an additional safety net and gives all caregivers peace of mind".

Michele Hough Chair - Courtland Community Policing

For more information on enrollment/donations contact:

# **Norfolk County Project Lifesaver**

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# Norfolk County Project Lifesaver



A Community Safety
Program designed to protect
and locate wandering
missing persons



Norfolk County Project Lifesaver is a Chapter of Project Lifesaver International



**Project Lifesaver Transmitter** 

Project Lifesaver was established in April of 1999 as an initiative of the 43rd Search and Rescue Company of the Chesapeake Virginia Sheriff's Office. Project Lifesaver's mission is to use state of the art technology in assisting those who care for victims of Alzheimer's and other related disorders as well as the victims who become lost. These victims include the elderly and even the youngest in our community who are afflicted with Down Syndrome, brain injuries from vehicle accidents, Autism or developmental disorders. There are no boundaries—no one is immune!

Project Lifesaver places personalized radio transmitters on identified persons who may wander away from the safety of their homes. These transmitters assist caregivers and OPP in locating those who cannot help themselves.

## **Current Statistics show:**

- → 1 in 11 people will be affected by Alzheimer's Disease or other dementia
- ⇒ 1 in 68 will be affected by Autism

- ♦ A large number of transmitters have been placed on those with Alzheimer's, dementia and children with Autism, Down Syndrome or developmental disorders.
- ♦ The average rescue time to locate a missing person is 35 minutes.

Norfolk County Project Lifesaver was established in 2010 by Norfolk County OPP as a community partnership and will be administered by the Courtland Community Policing Committee .

Funding for Norfolk County Project Lifesaver is a result of donations from Norfolk County Community Policing Committees and The Simcoe Lions Club.

Since Norfolk County Project Lifesaver is comprised of volunteers, all donations are used directly for programs, rescues and educational expenses.

# **Community Supporters:**

Simcoe Lions Club
Courtland Community Policing
Windham Community Policing
Waterford Community Policing
Port Dover Community Policing
Delhi Community Policing
Caressant Care Courtland
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Geographically there are 1,358 Project Lifesaver programs Internationally which have been responsible for locating over 2,845 lost persons with an average time of 35 minutes. Norfolk County was the fourth community in Ontario and sixth in Canada to offer this very valuable program.

"Project Lifesaver is designed to provide comfort for the family while safely guarding the victim."



Gene Saunders, Chief Executive Officer, Founder of Project Lifesaver