

#### **One Bracelet at a Time**

Rescue Testimonial: Project Lifesaver of Sherborn Fire Department, Massachusetts, USA

On a cloudy evening on June 12, 2012 shortly after 6:30pm the Project Lifesaver team of Sherborn Fire Department, MA were notified that a participating Project Lifesaver member had gone missing. A 72-year-old man with Dementia had wandered from his residence and already had been missing for nearly an hour and half when the Project Lifesaver team was notified by his wife. Immediately, Lt. Buckler with 2 other Project Lifesaver units were dispatched to the scene where the elderly man had last been seen. One team was mobile, the other on foot. Within 10 minutes a signal was detected by the search team that was tracking the man on foot. He was found nearly a half mile into a wooded area adjacent to train tracks. The elderly gentleman was returned home to his wife safe and unharmed.

Lt. Buckler indicated, "Without the Project lifesaver program this would have been a very labor intensive search since the area is fairly wooded. Searching blind under these conditions would have required significant time and man power and clearly the outcome could have been very different".

Project Lifesaver International (PLI) was founded by public safety officers. To bring about a solution that facilitates not just the return of wanderers to their families, but the actual rapid location of the wanderers themselves — a strategy that greatly increases the chance that the wanderer will be found alive.





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# PROJECT LIFESAVER

### **Primary mission:**

- to provide timely response to save lives
- to reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, Autism, and other related conditions





**Bringing Loved Ones Home** 

### **Project LIFESAVER in the Lower Mainland BC**

Clients enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small transmitter on the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. **If an enrolled client goes missing,** the caregiver notifies their lo-

cal Law Enforcement (POLICE) and they will task the PLI Search and Rescue Team members.

Most who wander are found within a few

miles from home, and search times have been reduced. Recovery times for PLI transmitters average 30 minutes.

## PLI Member SAR Teams within the lower mainland





Responding in:
Anmore, Belcarra, Bowen Island, Burnaby,
Coquitlam, Delta, Maple Ridge, New Westminster,
North Vancouver, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam,
Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey, UBC, Vancouver,
West Vancouver and White Rock





Project Lifesaver provides equipment, training, certification and support to law enforcement, public safety organizations and community groups throughout the USA and Canada and other countries.

The Project Lifesaver program helps provide rapid response to save lives and reduce the potential for serious injury to adults and children who wander due to:

- o Alzheimer's,
- <sup>o</sup> Autism,
- <sup>o</sup> Down syndrome,
- <sup>o</sup> Dementia
- O Brain injuries and
- o other related disorders.

It is the opinion of Project Lifesaver International that radio frequency tracking equipment, in the hands of trained public safety personnel, represents the most reliable and effective technology available to locate wandering loved ones.

