

Project Lifesaver is a program started in Broome County in June of 2015 to assist families in locating a loved one lost while wandering due to disease or special need.

The Program consists of a band transmitter, which is not much larger than a wrist watch, placed on an ankle or wrist. The band transmits a specific FM radio frequency which can be located by Sheriff Deputies during an incident, using special equipment.

Client's information is stored confidentially at the County 911 Communication Center for quick access. Upon notification of an incident, trained members of the Sheriff's Office will respond with a directional receiver designed to locate the missing client.

"Project Lifesaver is a proven response program partnering Sheriff Deputies with people and their families who are living with issues such as Alzheimer's disease, Autism, Down syndrome, Traumatic Brain Injury and such others, with the main goal of reaching a positive outcome in cases of wandering."

Sheriff David E. Harder



"Bringing Loved Ones Home"

Project Lifesaver

Broome County Sheriff's Office

Protecting the wandering and bringing peace of mind to families, friends and communities.



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**Broome County Sheriff's Office
Project Lifesaver Contact:**

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Broome County Sheriff's Office Project Life Saver



A Project Lifesaver transmitter being placed on a client's wrist.

Once placed on the client the transmitter remains on even when showering or bathing.



Sheriff Deputies using a receiver to locate a missing person.

Program Details

A person can enter the program simply by having the caregiver contact the Sheriff's Office at: (607)778-2391 or Projectlifesaver@co.broome.ny.us

- The program is open to persons that reside in Broome County and have a history of wandering or significant concern of wandering.
- A Project Lifesaver certified Sheriff's member will schedule a meeting with the caregiver and the client to discuss the program
- A deposit is needed to ensure the return of the transmitter once it is no longer needed.
- Once the program is established, a Deputy will remind you once a month to replace the battery & band and discuss any possible changes that may have occurred.
- Project Lifesaver is a tool to assist in locating someone that has wandered away and their location is unknown. It is not designed to replace proper caretaking.
- If a client is missing, it is **important** to call **911** right away and then contact the Sheriff's Office at **(607)778-1911**

Please Note:

Potential clients may be turned down due to the lack of proper care taken at home. Project Lifesaver is a plan C if one has wandered. It is encouraged that proper care is taken well before you consider Project Lifesaver. Considerations are:

- Proper Caregiver supervision of the client**
- Proper locks and security at the residence**
- Prepared plan in place for wandering**



If your loved one is in fact missing or has wandered away, it is imperative that you call **911** prior to calling the Sheriff's Office. You may be in an area that has a police agency that can assist you prior to Deputies responding to help find your loved one.

Deputies patrol all of Broome County, but are secondary units for areas that have their own law enforcement agencies.