

Newington Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

The Newington Police Department has enrolled in Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a town-wide emergency response locator service capable of finding individuals diagnosed with cognitive impairments which may cause them to wander and become lost.

Project Lifesaver combines proven radio technology and specially trained police personnel from the Newington Police Department. Project Lifesaver clients wear a personalized one-ounce battery operated transmitter bracelet which emits a tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day. Transmitters are approximately the size of a quarter and each transmitter has its own unique frequency.

When a caregiver notifies the Newington Police Department (860-666-8445) that a Project Lifesaver client has wandered, specially trained Newington PD Project Lifesaver personnel are immediately dispatched, and while enroute to the client's last reported location, activates a vehicle mounted locator tracking system and begins searching. A hand-held mobile locator tracking unit is used for search areas inaccessible by vehicle. The transmitter signal can be tracked on the ground or in the air from distances of up to several miles.

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and individuals, Massage Envy (West Hartford, South Windsor and Farmington locations), Connecticut Bail Bonds Group, William and Susan Sonstrom, Jill Price and Elizabeth D. Ong and Vincent C. Howen, along with funds from the Chief's Donation account, the proper equipment has been purchased and Newington Officers have been trained to start this initiative immediately.

If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding this life saving program, please contact Detective Shannon LaChance at 860.594.6217.

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