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The Project Lifesaver Program is being offered by the Salem County Sheriff's Office in an effort to provide enhanced support and assistance to Salem County residents who are primary caregivers for an individual with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia disorder. The Department of Health, Division of Office of Disabled & Office of Aging (hereinafter "Health Dept"), will assist as a point of contact for families who are interested in completing a program enrollment application and obtaining additional information about Alzheimer's disease. The Health Dept will assist by collaborating to provide funding and programmatic assistance in the areas of participant referrals and application review.

After the Salem County Sheriff's Office has reviewed the applications, the Sheriff's Office then contacts the caregiver of the applicant and becomes the ongoing program contact for that caregiver. After the Salem County Sheriff's Office have reviewed and approved the applications, a representative of the Sheriff's Office will contact the caregiver to make an appointment to meet at the participant's home to assign the wristband unit. At this time, the caregiver will be trained on how the unit and program will work.

Alzheimer's disease and related dementia disorder individuals are at risk to becoming lost due to memory and cognitive changes that occur as part of the disease. Participants in the Project Lifesaver Program wear a special arm bracelet that should they become lost; can assist local law enforcement in locating them using the mobile locator tracking system.

## HOW DOES PROJECT LIFESAVER WORK?

- \* The program application must be completed and submitted by the legal primary family caregiver of a relative with a physician's confirmed diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and/or related dementia disorder.
- \* Once the application has been submitted and approved, a Sheriff's Project Lifesaver representative contacts the family to schedule home installation of the unit.
- \* The Sheriff's Project Lifesaver representative installs the unit and trains the family/caregiver on how the unit and the program work.
- \* The Sheriff's Project Lifesaver representative develops a schedule and trains the family/caregiver on procedures for routine maintenance.

\* When an individual is discovered to be missing, the family/caregiver places a call immediately to 9-1-1 and notifies the local Project Lifesaver agency. The mobile locator tracking system and search procedures will then be activated to aid in locating the Alzheimer's and/or related dementia disorder individual. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA:

\* The Alzheimer's and/or related dementia disorder individual must reside in Salem County in a private home residence with a 24-hour live-in caregiver. \* Diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, Down syndrome, Autism, dementia and/or prone to wandering.

\* Assisted by a caregiver 18 years of age or older.

\* Residing in the community and not in a licensed facility.

\* There is no cost for this program at this time the unit remains the property of the Salem County Sheriff's Office.