



The Berks County Sheriff's Office believes that education and community awareness to be the cornerstone of our Project Lifesaver Program. Our deputies are available to present information about the program to health care providers, civic groups and other interested parties throughout Berks County.

If you would like more information or know of someone who needs to be enrolled in this program, please contact

Sergeant Brian Boyer,
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Sheriff Eric J. Weaknecht has been a member of the Berks County Sheriff's Office since 1984. He is committed to protecting our citizens with Alzheimer's disease, Autism, Down syndrome and other cognitive disorders that wonder from home and become lost. Sheriff Weaknecht is proud to bring the Project Lifesaver Program to Berks County.

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Project Lifesaver is a Public Safety Program designed to locate at-risk people who may wander.



What is Project Lifesaver?

www.projectlifesaver.org

Project Lifesaver is a proactive electronic tracking program used to assist in locating people with Alzheimer's disease and other mental dysfunction disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down syndrome or other cognitive disorders who wander from home and become lost.

A person with a cognitive disorder who wanders away and becomes lost constitutes a critical emergency and presents challenges to law enforcement in search and rescue operations. While we cannot predict when a person will become lost, we can prepare for it.

The Berks County Sheriff's Office in partnership with Project Lifesaver has launched a planned response to all missing persons with cognitive disorders who join the program. Those who join the program are then considered Project Lifesaver "clients".

We have trained deputies that operate special tracking equipment to help locate missing persons who are clients of the Berks County Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver



How does Project Lifesaver Work?

A personalized state-of-the-art battery powered transmitter the size of a wrist watch is used that emits a constant radio signal 24-hours a day.



Once the Berks County Sheriffs

Office is notified that a Project Lifesaver client is missing, deputies identify the signal from a specialized directional antenna and are able to track the wandering person.

Nationwide, Project Lifesaver agencies have responded to search for more than 2,900 clients who became missing and all searches were 100% successful with an average recovery time of 30 minutes.



What the Berks County Sheriff's Office can do for you in becoming part of the Project Lifesaver Program...

We will assist you in joining the program and obtaining the Project Lifesaver transmitter.

We will coordinate monthly servicing of the transmitter to ensure that it is working properly and that the information for the client is current. This will assist our deputies in the search effort should the client become lost.

All information regarding the client and family is confidential and only used for emergency situations. Access to the information is restricted to law enforcement, rescue and EMS personnel.

