

# HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## News Release



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### Project Lifesaver & Lojack at the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office

**September 8, 2009 (MINNEAPOLIS)** – The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office is offering Project Lifesaver/LoJack SafetyNet Services to people in Hennepin County. Designed to track and rescue those with cognitive conditions who tend to wander, this service answers a critical need for people at risk of wandering, including those with Alzheimer's, autism, Down syndrome and dementia.

Please use this link to enroll a client into the program.

<http://www.lojack.com/safetynet/pages/caregivers-guardians-family-members.aspx>

After your enrollment is confirmed, you will receive a LoJack SafetyNet Personal Locator Unit (PLU) to be worn on the client's wrist or ankle.

The PLU constantly emits a Radio Frequency signal, which can be tracked regardless of where the person has wandered—even into a densely wooded area, a marsh, a concrete structure such as a garage, or a building constructed with steel. When a client goes missing, caregivers notify law enforcement. Deputies from the Sheriff's Office and other local law enforcement officers are dispatched to the wanderer's area with portable, handheld LoJack SafetyNet Search and Rescue receivers.

“This service protects people with cognitive disorders and it has the potential to save lives,” said Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek, “If we need to rescue a person who has wandered off, we'll be able to find them quickly and that gives caregivers tremendous peace of mind.”

The LoJack SafetyNet system also includes a database of key information about the client such as a recent photo, insight as to where the person might have wandered if he or she goes missing, and a caregiver support organization that is available by phone and e-mail 24x7 for emergencies.

This month, Project Lifesaver International, the leading organization in electronic search and rescue programs, conducted training for the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. The training included teaching deputies how to use the LoJack SafetyNet system and how to gain the trust of and communicate with people who wander, as well as to ensure that caregivers are well versed in the program – all of which are essential to a successful rescue. Project Lifesaver will provide certification, ongoing management and support to the Sheriff's Office.

If you have questions about the service, please contact Sgt. Steve Hartig at 612-596-9878 and [steve.hartig@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:steve.hartig@co.hennepin.mn.us)

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### **About Project Lifesaver International**

Established in 1999, Project Lifesaver International (PLI) is a non-profit organization that is committed to helping families quickly find their loved ones who wander because of Alzheimer's, Down syndrome, dementia, and autism. Headquartered in Chesapeake, Va., Project Lifesaver works with local law enforcement agencies in more than 1,000 communities in 46 states, the District of Columbia and Canada to protect some of society's most vulnerable citizens. PLI provides training and support to all agencies and continues to work with organizations on education and awareness regarding the issue of wandering. Visit [www.projectlifesaver.org](http://www.projectlifesaver.org).

### **About LoJack Corporation**

LoJack Corporation, the company that invented the stolen vehicle recovery market more than two decades ago, is the global leader in finding and recovering a wide range of mobile assets including cars, construction equipment and motorcycles. In today's rapidly changing world, LoJack's core competencies are more valuable and more relevant than ever as they are now being applied into new areas, such as the prevention, detection and recovery of stolen cargo and finding and rescuing people with cognitive disorders such as Alzheimer's and autism. LoJack has the proven processes, ultimate technology for recovery—Radio Frequency—and unique integration with law enforcement agencies, making its offerings the most effective solutions that not only deliver a wide range of recoveries, but also enhance the safety of the public on a global level. Visit [www.lojack.com](http://www.lojack.com).

For more information, please contact Project Lifesaver at 1-877-580-LIFE (5433) or [www.projectlifesaver.org](http://www.projectlifesaver.org), or LoJack SafetyNet at 1-877-4-FINDTHEM (877-434-6384) or visit [www.lojacksafetynet.com](http://www.lojacksafetynet.com).