



Project Lifesaver International (PLI) Program

The New Canaan Police Department is a participating agency in Project Lifesaver International (PLI) Program. The program helps provide a rapid response in order to save lives and reduces potential injury to adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, Autism and other related conditions or disorders.

Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency (NCPD), and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. Recovery times for PLI clients average 30 minutes.

Our team has received training not only in search and rescue and use of the electronic tracking equipment, but also in the behaviors and best methods to use in dealing with those groups that are most likely to wander.

Project Lifesaver utilizes radio frequency technology. Unlike cellular and GPS technology, Radio Frequency technology is reliable and can track an individual who wanders during adverse weather conditions, in water, in a densely wooded area, in a concrete or steel structure, or in a building.

Visit their website at: www.projectlifesaver.org

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