Dear Monroe County Resident,

Thank you for your interest in the Project Lifesaver Program. This program was initiated by the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services and the New York State Missing Persons Clearinghouse. The program is intended for Monroe County Residents who are diagnosed with Autism, Downs Syndrome, Traumatic Brain Injury, Alzheimer's, Dementia or other intellectual or developmental disability. In addition, the resident must have a severe risk of or a history of wandering, eloping or becoming disoriented. The program consists of the "client" receiving a bracelet that contains a mini FM radio transmitter. In the event that the client wanders away from a caregiver, the Sheriff's Office is equipped with special receivers that can detect the transmitter on the client.

Though your loved one may have one of these ailments, not everyone can qualify for this program. The transmitters are $337.65 each and financial assistance may be available through outside organizations. Listed below is a strict list of qualifications a potential client must have before being considered for the program.

1.) Be a Monroe County Resident or attend programs within Monroe County
2.) Have a disability (listed above)
3.) Have a severe risk of or history of wandering, eloping or becoming disoriented documented on a Life Plan, IEP or medical diagnosis (code Z91.83)
4.) Must be willing to wear the transmitter 24/7 (water resistant device)
5.) Must have a caregiver or someone (parent/guardian) who supervises the potential client 24/7
6.) Must have adequate locks and/or safety devices at home to prevent wandering
7.) Must have a plan in place in the situation the loved one does wander

If you believe all these requirements are in place, you can find the application and additional information in the Community Services tab of our website at www2.monroecounty.gov/sheriff or by going to the Project Lifesaver International website at projectlifesaver.org. If you still have questions, please call our office at (585) 753-4287 or email MCSOProjectLifesaver@monroecounty.gov.

Thank you,

Monroe County Sheriff’s Office
Project Lifesaver Program

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