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Project Lifesaver

Over the past year there have been several Search and Rescue missions to search for missing or lost residents who suffer from dementia. With the growing senior population searches such as these will become more frequent.

The SALT Council of the Erie County Sheriff's TRIAD has been in touch with the Western Pennsylvania Search And Rescue Development Center (WPSARDC) out of Pittsburgh. The WPSARDC offers Project Lifesaver, a radio-transmitter bracelet, which can be used to locate a missing person.

The radio-transmitter bracelet is effective in all types of weather and the signal can be picked up within a 10-mile radius allowing the Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue team, to narrow the field of the search and locate the individual quickly.

The chance for a successful recovery drops 50% after the first 24 hours. By utilizing Project Lifesaver we can improve the success rate for our neighbors with Dementia, Alzheimer's or Autism.

The SALT Council is currently conducting a fund-drive to bring this life-saving equipment to Erie County. Donations are being accepted at the Erie County Sheriff's Office, c/o B. Rufini, 140 West 6th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16501. For more information about this program please feel free to call Sgt. Rufini at 814-451-6293 or by leaving a voice-mail message for Kim Whelan at 814-459-1047 Extension 66.