

October 2, 2013 - BRISTOL VIRGINIA SHERIFFS OFFICE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE DEMONSTRATE PROJECT LIFESAVER FOR THE MEDIA

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Having a family member with Dementia or Alzheimer's is tough to live with, but local law enforcement agencies are hoping to ease some of the worries. The Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Office and the Washington County Virginia Sheriff's Office are part of [project lifesaver](#).

The program is offered to anyone who may be at risk of wandering off. Patients wear a small wristband that law enforcement can track using radio receivers.



"If we can save one life and we can save one individual it's worth it all," said Washington County Virginia Sheriff Fred Newman. [Project Lifesaver](#) started in 1999.

Different law enforcement agencies use it within our region, including Bristol and Washington County Virginia Sheriff's Offices, which both have 14 clients each. The program is free of charge to any person who might need it.

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