The Becker County Sheriff’s Office is seeking donations for equipment and training to become a participating member of Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a non-profit search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies, and is designed for “at risk” individuals who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. This is sometimes associated with conditions such as Alzheimer’s or Autism. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition. Through transmitting devices and receiving equipment, it can provide the tools and training necessary to First Responders to quickly identify, locate, and rescue individuals with a cognitive conditions that make them prone to dangerous wandering.

Without the equipment, searches can become lengthy, consume large amounts of resources, be directed to incorrect areas if there is no sign of the persons direction, or due to terrain may never produce a rescue/recovery, even though the searches were conducted in the correct areas. Regionally, we will join agencies like the Sheriff’s Offices of Polk, Beltrami, Todd, Morrison, and Crow Wing, and the Police Departments of East Grand Forks and West Fargo (ND) as participating Project Lifesaver agencies.

For more information, please visit Project Lifesaver’s website at https://projectlifesaver.org

Our initial start-up costs will be approximately $5000. If you or your business wishes to contribute, please contact us at one of the options below:

- Send contributions to PO Box 702, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502
- Drop off contributions at 925 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
- Contact the Becker County Sheriff’s Office at 218-847-2611