

## 93.0 Project Lifesaver

**PURPOSE:** To provide a safe return of wanderers that maybe suffering from Autistic, Alzheimer, Dementia, and related brain disorders.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Bracelet** - The “layman” term used to refer to the transmitter and its housing. This term is interchangeable with the term “transmitter” to refer to the entire unit.

**Participant** - Refers to the person inflicted with the specific disorder that qualifies them for the PLS program.

**Transmitter** - This refers to the actual transmitting unit. This unit transmits a VHF-radio signal every second on the 216 MHZ frequency band.

### 93.1 Equipment

- A. **Locator System Receiver** - The Osprey HR-2600 is a digital receiver that consists of the unit, which operates on a 9V battery, and a rain case.

To prolong the life of the Osprey Receiver, the unit should not be plugged in continuously. The receiver will stay fully charged when not in use. To check the charge, turn on the receiver and check the battery voltage. A fully charged unit will read anywhere from 7.9v - 8.1v. When the unit drops to 6.7v, it should be recharged. Also a reminder, the 9v battery should only be used as back up. It should not be plugged in when unit is fully charged. When the unit drops to 6.1v – 6.0v the receiver will shut down. If in the field, insert 9V battery backup immediately.

- B. **Locator System Transmitter** - When a participant/caregiver is accepted into the program, they are issued a VHF transmitter and a transmitter tester.

Each Locator transmitter, along with its frequency number also has a unique identifier number. When using the Osprey HR-2600 with a Locator Systems transmitter once the receiver has communicated with the transmitter, the HR-2600 will display the unique identifier number.

### 93.2 Training

- A. The Sheriff’s Office will conduct training and establish procedures to conduct a search for a wanderer.

- B. The Sheriff's Office will coordinate and cooperate with other agencies in an effort to maintain and improve the program and training.

93.3 Procedure for Activation and Search

- A. The 911 Center will dispatch the closest available Sheriff's Unit.
- B. The 911 Center will activate all available Project Lifesaver Search Technicians. (Sheriff's Office Personnel)
- C. Upon request of the Sheriff's Office, the 911 Center will dispatch an ambulance for a non-emergency response and/or a Division of Emergency Services response.
- D. The 911 Center will conduct an online broadcast notification to all Project Lifesaver Search Technicians. (All other Personnel)
- E. The Senior Sheriff's Office Personnel, Project Lifesaver Search Technician on the scene, will take command of the search for the wanderer, and will coordinate the search.