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NBPD to Offer “Project Lifesaver” Program

New Braunfels, Texas — The New Braunfels Police Department will soon begin offering services under the “Project Lifesaver” program. Project Lifesaver is a rapid response program that helps first responders locate people who wander away from their caregivers due to brain disorders like Autism, Alzheimer’s Disease, Down Syndrome, and dementia. The pilot program for Project Lifesaver in New Braunfels is funded, in part, by the NBPD Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and, initially, will only provide services to children under the age of 18, with hopes to expand the program to include adults in the future.

HOW IT WORKS - Enrolled clients wear a bracelet that contains a battery-operated transmitter which emits a tracking signal. If the client wanders away, the caregiver would notify NBPD and a search team would be deployed. That search includes the use of a mobile receiver that can pick up the signal from the client's transmitter.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? - The program is free, but is limited to the number of transmitters available. Citizens can also purchase their own transmitters directly from Project Lifesaver and then register those devices with NBPD. The transmitters provided by NBPD are property of the Police Department and must be returned. There will be a \$300 charge for transmitters that are lost, damaged, or not returned.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be 18 or under
2. Must live in the New Braunfels city limits
3. Must have a clinically diagnosed brain disorder
4. Must have a 24/7 caregiver
5. Must be able to wear the bracelet at all times

Applications will be submitted online only and NBPD will begin accepting those applications on Nov. 21st. An Open House is set for Nov 17th at 6pm at NBPD Headquarters (1488 S. Seguin Ave.) in order to give interested families more information about the program, including additional application information and demonstrations of the equipment.

{Image attached: Project Lifesaver Open House Flyer}

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