

Grand Chute Fire Department

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GRAND CHUTE FIRE / POLICE PARTNER WITH PROJECT LIFESAVER

GRAND CHUTE – The Grand Chute Fire and Police Departments are proud to announce that we have collaborated to bring the “Project Lifesaver” program to our community. This program is designed to assist emergency personnel with search and rescue efforts for those with cognitive conditions such as Alzheimer’s, autism, Down syndrome, and dementia and are prone to wandering. Our agencies have partnered to enhance our ability to effectively respond to and quickly resolve these types of incidents utilizing the training and technology made available through Project Lifesaver.

Clients enrolled in the program will wear a wrist-watch sized transmitter that emits a “chirp” on a designated radio frequency. The transmitter can be tracked regardless of where the person has wandered – be it a densely wooded area, marsh, or building. When a loved one goes missing, caregivers notify 911, initiating a response from the Grand Chute Police and Fire Departments to the loved ones last known location. From there, both agencies can begin the search utilizing the technology and techniques they have learned. While traditional search and rescue can take up to nine hours, Project Lifesaver has significantly reduced that search time to 30 minutes.

This program has been made possible through the generosity of a donor within our community who wishes to remain anonymous. This donation funded the cost of the equipment and training allowing us to launch and operate Project Lifesaver. We look forward to pioneering this program in the Fox Valley, and are honored to add it to the list of services we provide that enhance the safety of our community and its citizens.

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