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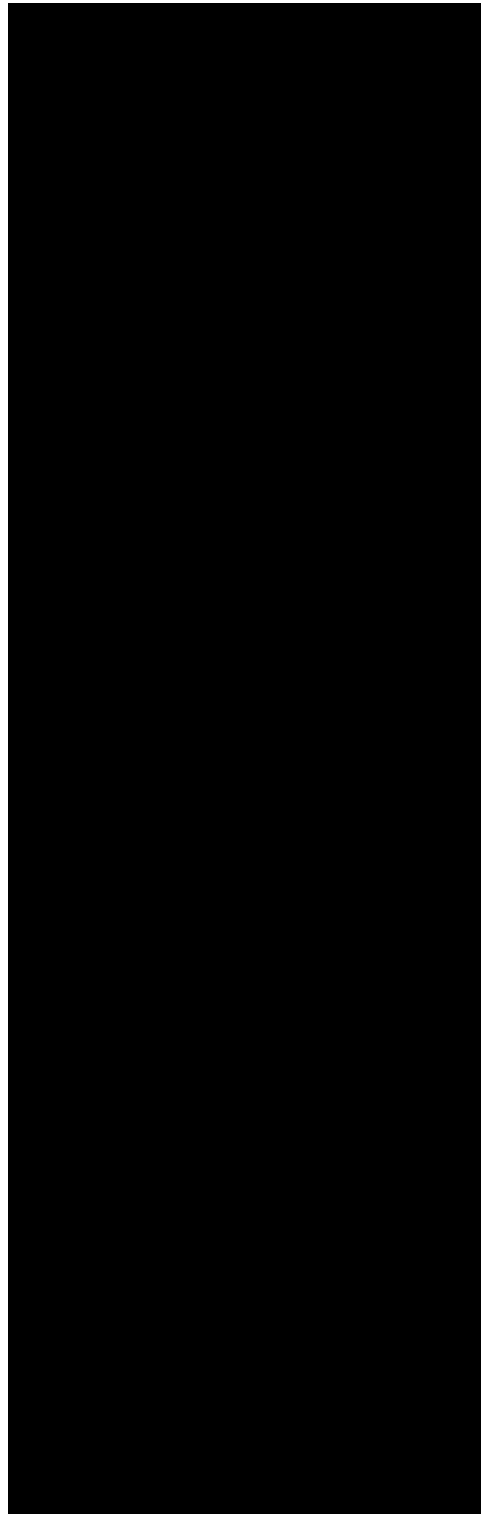
Our missions, objectives, and goals are closely aligned. Both Project Lifesaver and Commonwealth Autism Service believe the real solution to protecting these precious individuals lies in the application of a comprehensive program that includes compatible technology and a coordinated national training program for law enforcement and other first responders in the areas of

search and rescue and search technology, along with educating those first responders about the conditions, patterns and behaviors of the populations they will be recovering. We believe that only by having a national comprehensive, compatible program, will we be able to effectively address this growing national health and safety issue.

Project Lifesaver and Commonwealth Autism Service are joining forces to broaden the reach of special needs training for first responders. Having public safety agencies trained in working with special needs individuals will protect, not only the At Risk individuals, but also the first responders and their agencies.

Commonwealth Autism Service is an innovative 501 (C) (3) community based, non-profit organization that has been leading the way in specialized autism awareness training for more than 15 years. Commonwealth Autism Service chairs the Virginia Public Safety Workgroup for Autism and is partnered with numerous agencies including, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, providing specialized autism awareness training to Law Enforcement, Fire Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, Caregivers, and other first responders in Virginia.

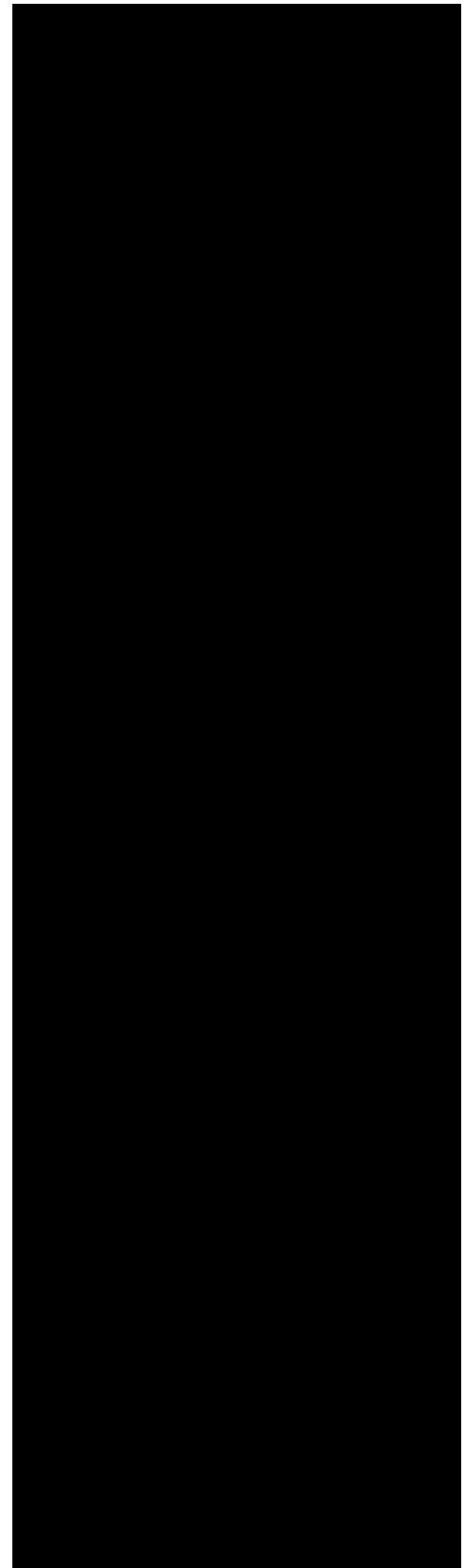
The Project Lifesaver program is more than simply search technology. In today's world, technology changes every day. The Project Lifesaver program also provides first responders



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with an understanding of the symptoms and behaviors of the individuals that they are recovering; giving Project Lifesaver trained and certified first responders the tools to assess and effectively manage the safe and comfortable return of the "At Risk" individual.

Project Lifesaver is also a subject matter expert and advisor on the wandering issue for: Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's disease (LEAD), National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the Alzheimer's Foundation, and the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA) the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners and the International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners. The Project Lifesaver training program is recognized and approved by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.



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Project Lifesaver was the first organization to address the issue of protecting and recovering individuals with cognitive conditions who are prone to wandering and for the past 15 years has remained the gold standard.

About Project Lifesaver International:

Project Lifesaver International is a 501 (C) (3) community based, public safety, non-profit organization that provides law enforcement, fire/rescue, other first responders and caregivers with equipment and training to quickly locate and rescue individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering, including those with Alzheimer's disease, Autism, and Down syndrome. To date Project Lifesaver agencies have conducted over 2,800 successful rescues with a success rate of 100%.

Started more than fifteen years ago, Project Lifesaver is not just the first, but the most widely used and effective program in the nation that is specifically designed to protect the "At Risk" populations in our communities. Project Lifesaver has trained thousands of public safety agencies, not only in search, rescue and the use of our electronic locating equipment, but also in the methods necessary to communicate with a person who has Alzheimer's disease, Autism or a related cognitive disorder.

To learn more about Project Lifesaver, visit: <http://www.projectlifesaver.org>.

About Commonwealth Autism Service:

Established in 1995, Commonwealth Autism Service is a state-wide, non-profit organization, headquartered in Richmond, Virginia. Our mission is to provide leadership in the implementation of a statewide system of services to maximize the potential and quality of life of each Virginian with autism across the lifespan. Our mission is fulfilled through numerous initiatives, including but not limited to: Autism Action Groups ©, Partnership for Capacity, Development©, Competent Learner Model, The Learning Institute ©, Public Safety Training, Trans-disciplinary, Autism Assessment Clinic, Dominion School for Autism ©, and the Autism Assessment Team Training.

To learn more about Commonwealth Autism Service, visit: <http://www.autismva.org>.

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