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Merced County Upgrades Search and Rescue Technology to Improve Safety for Impaired Persons

Merced County has joined the growing list of other progressive California communities that have upgraded their search and rescue technology for locating wandering and lost persons. The Merced County Sheriff's Department is proud to announce the availability of the [EmFinder's EmSeeQ® wearable locator system](#) that uses cellular technology to quickly locate individuals who are prone to wandering due to cognitive disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease, autism and dementia.



Beginning in February, free EmSeeQ bracelets will be available for use by county residents with a diagnosed cognitive disorder. The Merced County Sheriff's Department provides the devices; individual families are responsible for registering them and paying the monthly \$25 fee for location services.

"We are eager to take advantage of the most modern technology to improve the safety of our residents in Merced," said Deputy Sheriff Michael Hill. "Our previous radio frequency system wasn't ideal for this kind of search and rescue of a lost individual, which made it cumbersome and tedious. EmSeeQ is designed specifically for situations in which an impaired individual wanders away or intentionally evades being discovered. So far, the feedback we've received is that the cost of the service is well worth it for the added peace of mind it provides."

Citizens' Academy Alumni Association Donates EmSeeQ® Wearable Locator Systems to Speed Rescue of Alzheimer's, Dementia and Autism Patients

To help improve the safety and security of residents, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office is deploying a new technology designed to upgrade its search and rescue system for locating wandering and lost individuals.



IN THE NEWS

[VIDEO: The Tech Buzz Interviews Jim Nalley CEO of EmFinders](#)

Source: Stephen Heywood, [TheTechBuzz.com](#)

[Citizens Academy Alumni donate tool to help CCSO find impaired people](#)

Source: Robby Douglas, [CitrusDaily.com](#)

[EmFinders Demonstrates Technology for Locating Loved Ones](#)

Source: Daryl Deino, [Suite101.com](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Emfinders Wins New Product & Technology Awards 2010

The award recognizes innovative products and service for older adults and their families.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[California Police Chiefs Annual Training Conference](#)

Anaheim, CA
February 28 - March 2
Booth 410

[ALFA 2011 Conference & Expo](#)

Orlando, FL
April 5 - 7
Booth 521

[Aging in America 2011 ASA Conference](#)

San Francisco, CA
April 26 - 30
Booth 414



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Watch our educational video to learn how the EmSeeQ transmits the location of your missing loved one directly to 911 emergency responders, enabling rapid recovery.

Through the generous support of the CCSO Citizens' Academy Alumni Association, the sheriff's office will provide a limited number of EmFinders' EmSeeQ® wearable locator systems that use cellular technology to quickly locate individuals who are prone to wandering due to cognitive disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease, autism and dementia.

Citrus County is the first sheriff's office in Florida to deploy the EmSeeQ system. The first units will be available to those most at risk and who are suffering from a cognitive disorder. The agency hopes to expand use of the system in the near future. Individual families are responsible for registering the device and paying the monthly \$25 fee for location services.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week February 14 to 21, 2011

Free Tool Kit!



As part of their Staff Education Week, the **National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners** is offering a free Tool Kit and free Powerpoint in-services download — but only until March 1st.

Anyone who works in health care, home care, first responder field, caregiver support groups, universities and government agencies is welcome to download and use these materials.

The free Tool Kit includes:

- Free Powerpoint in-services for health care staff, including pre-test, post tests, handouts, answers, in-service evaluation and in-service certificates
- Nurse Educator of the Year nomination forms
- Nomination forms for NCCDP Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week Contest
- Proclamations for senators and mayer
- Letters to the editor promoting your program
- 97 ways to promote Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week 2011
- Resources and important Web sites

Visit the NCCDP Web site to [download your Tool Kit now](#).

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