ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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SAFETRAK

AFETRAK is a bracelet that when worn will identify and assist in the quick recovery of participants suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's or others with special needs.

CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO THE SAFETRAK PROGRAM:

- Participant must have a full time caregiver, (spouse, parent, Guardian). No caregiver means a higher risk of death or injury if they get lost.
- Registration of a device with the SAFETRAK program.
- Education of caregiver and understanding of equipment is mandatory.
- ► The caregiver must express an understanding that this device does not replace or relieve them of their responsibilities to care for the individual. It is a tool to assist in their recovery should they become lost, it is not a babysitter
- ▶ Initial cost for the transmitter is \$250. The cost of battery replacement will be covered by SJSO. If there is a need for a transmitter and the family cannot afford to purchase it, SJSO will make a determination, based on need, to provide one at little or no cost.

SAFETRAK PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

To participate in the program, the person must have been diagnosed with a condition that causes wandering. In the elderly, it may be Dementia, Alzheimer's, disease, traumatic brain injury, stroke or any number of neurological causes. In children, it may be Downs Syndrome, Autism, or traumatic brain injury.

Upon receipt of the transmitter, the caregiver is trained to check it twice a day in order to be sure it is working correctly. Should someone in their care wander off, the caregiver is instructed to call 9-1-1 immediately. They should not check the community first. The faster we are contacted, the closer the person is to where they were last seen, and the sooner the trackers begin searching the area. Additional personnel will be brought in as needed.

SJSO Deputies and other personnel are trained and certified to track through educational and practical components.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION FOR A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, CONTACT ROBYN PLANT AT 904.209.1557.

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