

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services "Peace, Unity & Justice"



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## MEDIA RELEASE

## AMPS PARTICIPATING IN NEW 'PROJECT LIFESAVER' TO HELP PREVENT DEMENTIA SUFFERERS FROM BEING LOST

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, in collaboration with the Alzheimer Society of Cornwall & District, the OPP and Cornwall Police, launched the newest initiative called Project Lifesaver, to protect and quickly locate those living with dementia who get lost. Launch date is April 26, 2023. This program is now available to residents living in Akwesasne.

Project Lifesaver uses technology to assist in the search and rescue efforts of those who wander and get lost. It has been proven to reduce the search time for police significantlythis timely response can prevent your loved one from harm. Those at high risk of getting lost receive a bracelet transmitter with a unique frequency. When they get lost, a locator housed with Police Services finds that unique frequency.

For eligibility, participants must:

- Have a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of dementia or related disorder;
- Be at high risk for wandering;
- Have daily contact with a caregiver or family member;
- Be restricted from operating a motor vehicle; and
- Live in the 5 districts of Cornwall, SD&G, Hawkesbury, Russell and Akwesasne.

Project Lifesaver equipment requires daily monitoring by a care partner. Regular visits by an Alzheimer Society worker for equipment maintenance will be included in the program.



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