

News from the Somerset County Sheriff's Office

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'Project Lifesaver' Gets Help from a Friend

Rotary Club of Somerville and Bridgewater donates \$500

BRIDGEWATER - The Somerset County "Project Lifesaver" program recently received a \$500 donation from the Rotary Club of Somerville and Bridgewater.

Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano was presented a check by Steven Goodman, club president, at a Rotary Club luncheon at the Bridgewater Manor.

"The goal of 'Project Lifesaver' is to provide the benefits of the program to all in need regardless of their ability to pay," said Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano.

"The generosity of the Rotary Club is greatly appreciated since 'Project Lifesaver' depends on community support through donations and grants from government, corporations, businesses and charitable foundations."

"Project Lifesaver" is a joint partnership with the Office on Aging and the Sheriff's Office Special Response Team and K-9 Unit. It is an innovative rapid-response program aiding individuals with Alzheimer's disease and disorders such as Down syndrome and autism, as well as their families. It relies on proven radio technology and specially trained search and rescue teams.

"Project Lifesaver" began in May 2004. To date, 18 people are registered with the program - 11 adults and seven children.

"The program provides an active response to the problem of locating wandering individuals before they fall victim to the elements, accidents or predators," said Sheriff Provenzano. "It also provides peace of mind to caregivers, families and communities."

For more information about "Project Lifesaver," contact Sgt. Mark Szczecina at 908-231-7140, ext. 7419.

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Caption: Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano is presented a check for \$500 for the Somerset County 'Project Lifesaver' program by Steven Goodman, Rotary Club of Somerville and Bridgewater president. The presentation recently was made at a Rotary Club luncheon held at the Bridgewater Manor.