

## Why is Colorado LifeTrak Important?

Approximately 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's and related disorders -- 60,000 of which live in Colorado. Of these, around 60 percent will wander during the course of their disease.



Many wander at night, when search options are difficult. They may become paranoid and actually hide to avoid rescue.

This technology can locate any wanderer during the day or night, in any weather -- even if he/she is not cooperating in his/her own rescue effort.

The Colorado LifeTrak process and equipment have been proven effective over and over again.

## The History of the Program

The Colorado LifeTrak program has been in use by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office since 2005. Colorado Life Trak is also used by the city police departments in Jefferson County, and the program is growing rapidly. The program has drastically reduced the time, manpower and taxpayer dollars needed in search-and-rescue efforts for a person prone to wander.

Current program participants range in age from toddlers to the elderly.

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### Innovation

We respond to the community's needs with vision and initiative, relying on both traditional and non-traditional problem-solving methods.

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*Safely returning those who wander.*



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*The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has brought the Colorado LifeTrak program to Jefferson County, to assist residents who have medical conditions that may cause them to wander. The project is a rapid-response partnership between law enforcement and the families of those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders, and other conditions such as Down Syndrome and autism.*



Colorado LifeTrak wristband

### How Colorado LifeTrak Works

- A family member or caregiver of an Alzheimer's or autistic patient contacts the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office to enroll in Colorado LifeTrak.
- Participants are given a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Caregivers notify the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office when a participant is missing.
- A search and rescue team responds to the call and uses a mobile locator tracking system to find the participant.

### How to Enroll in Colorado LifeTrak

To enroll your loved one in Colorado LifeTrak, please call the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management  
303-271-4900 or 303-271-5806

### What the Program Offers

- A "tried and true" radio technology that provides tracking through a wristband worn by the participant
- Rescue teams from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- Reduced search times from hours and days ... to minutes
- A proven lifesaving system that is reliable, responsive, practical and affordable

- Greater peace of mind for caregivers, knowing that this technology will help return their loved ones faster -- whether their loved ones have left from school, a daycare program or a senior center.

- Colorado LifeTrak is not a substitute for responsible supervision; but for some situations, it is an appropriate "safety net" in case of emergency.

### Meet Zach

Zach lives in Jefferson County. He was diagnosed with autism, and because of his condition he has a tendency to wander. His family enrolled him in Colorado Life Trak in April 2007.



Zach

Every month, a Sheriff's Office representative visits Zach at his home to change the battery on his wristband. The wristband gives his family a little peace of mind, knowing that if Zach walks away from the house or the yard, his wristband will help law enforcement officers locate him and bring him home.

Many families that have children with Down Syndrome, autism and other conditions have enrolled their children in the Colorado LifeTrak program. It is a valuable tool to help quickly locate children who may have wandered away and are not able to find their way home or communicate that they are lost.