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## **CITY OF KEARNEY** **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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### **Kearney Police & Buffalo County Sheriff's Office Launching *Project Life Saver* Program**

The Kearney Police Department is pleased to announce the implementation of a new public safety program designed to protect and when necessary aid police in quickly locating at risk individuals who are prone to life threatening behavior of wandering. Several officers and deputies from KPD and BCSO are participating in three days of training with *Project Life Saver* this week.

*Project Life Saver* is a community based, public safety, non-profit organization that provides law enforcement, fire/rescue, and caregivers with a program designed to protect and locate at risk members of the community such as those with Autism or Alzheimer's. *Project Life Saver* is recognized internationally as a proven and effective method of "bringing loved ones home". For more information on *Project Life Saver*, visit <https://projectlifesaver.org/>.

Through proven technology and specially trained teams, citizens enrolled in the program are outfitted with a radio frequency transmitter to be worn on the wrist or ankle at all times. If an enrolled member client goes missing, the caregiver will notify KPD or BCSO and the Project Life Saver team will deploy with specialized receivers to help locate the person reducing search time from hours, potentially days, to minutes.

"On behalf of myself and Sheriff Miller, we are grateful for the opportunity to bring this program to Kearney and Buffalo County. Our goal to locate at risk members of our community quickly and safely is a top priority". Chief Bryan D. Waugh

This program was made possible thanks to a generous donation for equipment, training, and start up costs. Additional information and how a member of our community can enroll in the program will be available following the training.

Local media are welcome and encouraged to meet our Project Life Saver team at the Law Enforcement Center today, December 8, 2022 at 2 p.m. to learn more. The Project Life Saver training staff will also be available.

Check out our web site at [www.cityofkearney.org](http://www.cityofkearney.org).

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