



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff



News Release

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Hanover Sheriff's Office Supports Project Lifesaver

Since 2003, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office has participated in the Project Lifesaver program, which is a reliable program that assists citizens that wander due to alzheimers, autism, down syndrome or other cognitive disorders. In Hanover County there are over 5,000 individuals between the ages of 5 and 21 who have special needs.

Currently the Sheriff's Office partners with over 27 families who have a member suffering with a disorder. Each client wears a 1-ounce transmitter that emits a radio signal every second. The transmitter is worn 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the event a client wanders away from their residence, the Sheriff's Office responds with the necessary tracking equipment to locate the families love one and return them home safely.

All equipment necessary to operate this program has been obtained through donations and grants. There is no cost to the families participating. In addition Deputies meet with the families monthly to ensure the transmitter is working properly and address any concerns.

“This program not only serves to keep our most vulnerable citizens safe, it has developed lasting relationships between the Deputies involved in the program and the participates.” Said Colonel V. Stuart Cook.

If you would like to learn more about the outstanding program please contact Sergeant Tim Sutton at (804) 365-6230.

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Deputies participating in the Race for Autism on May 28, 2005



Pictured is Max Groover, son of Wayne and Joanne Groover and Sergeant Tim Sutton, Project Lifesaver Coordinator.