

Richmond City Sheriff's Office Sheriff C. T. Woody, Jr.



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SHERIFF WOODY PRAISES CITY COUNCIL FOR PROJECT LIFESAVER FUNDING

Richmond, Virginia – Sheriff C.T. Woody, Jr. today praised Richmond's City Council for including \$10,000 in their finalized 2017 budget for Project Lifesaver, a nationwide program dedicated to helping families with loved ones who suffer from Autism, Alzheimer's, or other such related disorders.

"These funds are both greatly appreciated and needed as we work to serve and protect all of the City of Richmond," said Sheriff Woody. "I would like to especially thank Councilwoman Reva Trammell, who fought hard to ensure that these monies were appropriated to the Richmond City Sheriff's Office. These funds will go toward necessary equipment and manpower that will enable our deputies to assist those families who have children or seniors who may wander away due to a condition or disorder. Life for these families is often times strenuous. I am proud that my office can provide assistance and peace of mind for them as they continue to care for their loved ones."

In an effort to raise more funds for the program, Sheriff Woody, in partnership with Chief Alfred Durham of the Richmond City Police Department, will co-host a fundraiser for Project Lifesaver the evening of June 24th, beginning at 7:00PM. Money raised will go towards purchasing more equipment, which will enable the Richmond City Sheriff's Office to service more families who need assistance with their loved ones.

Project Lifesaver International was founded in 1999 by current CEO Gene Saunders. The Richmond Sheriff's Office joined the program in 2012. Project Lifesaver uses state of the art radio transmitter equipment to locate individuals who wander from their families or homes, or become lost.

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