



# COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

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## Committee Report

**To:** Chair and Members of the Wellington County O.P.P. Detachment Board  
**From:** Andrea Ravensdale, Communications Manager  
Elizabeth Kent, Executive Director, Victim Services Wellington  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 12, 2025  
**Subject:** **Project Lifesaver Video and Success Story**

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### Background:

Project Lifesaver helps families protect members who may wander. Individuals living with Autism, Alzheimer's, Down Syndrome, Acquired Brain Injury, or other types of Cognitive Impairment may enroll in the programme. Victim Services Wellington administers the programme in partnership with Wellington County O.P.P. and the Guelph Police Service.

Participants are equipped with a 1-ounce wrist transmitter that sends a radio signal which can be tracked up to a 2-kilometer radius. The system operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Once notified by caregivers that an individual has gone missing, specially trained police officers use mobile tracking equipment to locate them.

**Each year, the County funds Project Lifesaver Guelph-Wellington with \$10,000 which helps administer the programme.**

As part of the Wellington County O.P.P. Detachment Board 2024 Communications Plan, the County Communications Team collaborated on an animated video with Victim Services Wellington and Wellington County O.P.P. to promote the Project Lifesaver Guelph-Wellington programme.

The video can be viewed here: [Victim Services Wellington | Project Lifesaver](#)

Since the video was released on social media in May 2024, 14 additional individuals have signed up for Project Lifesaver in Wellington County and Guelph. Several other applications have been sent out.

Last month, an elderly individual went missing in Guelph and was safely located 34 minutes after the initial phone call was made to police. A CBC news article can be found here: [Surveillance or saviour? Guelph police find elderly man with locating technology | CBC News](#)

### Strategic Action Plan:

This report relates to the following objectives and priorities in the County's Strategic Action Plan:

- Making the Best Decisions for the Betterment of the Community.

**Recommendation:**

That the Wellington County O.P.P. Detachment Board receive this report for information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Ravensdale".

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Elizabeth Kent  
Executive Director – Victim Services Wellington

In consultation with/approved by:  
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