

Federal Grant awarded to the Palos Park Police Department will give caregivers and families peace of mind.

Palos Park Police Commissioner Dan Polk is pleased to announce The Project Lifesaver program will be coming to Palos Park.

The program will be implemented by Palos Park Police in an effort to provide enhanced support and assistance to Palos Park residents who are primary caregivers for an individual suffering from Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia disorder as well as families of children afflicted with Down syndrome, autism, traumatic brain injuries or cognitive impairments.

These individuals might be prone to wander away from home and become confused or lost. Project Lifesaver allows for a proactive response by law enforcement if this happens. This not only saves time and manpower but also, gives caregivers and families peace of mind and reassurance that all possible resources will be utilized in the effort to locate and return their loved one home safely.

Participants in the Project Lifesaver program wear a special wrist or ankle bracelet equipped with a small transmitter which emits a signal that law enforcement can track when someone goes missing. Search times have been reduced from days and hours, to minutes. Average recovery times are well under 30 minutes.

The Palos Park Police Department will serve as the lead agency for Project Lifesaver and in this role, it coordinates the overall operations and management of the program to ensure effective services.

More details will follow as the program goes on line.

PALOS PARK POLICE OFFICERS TO RECEIVE SHERIFF'S AWARDS

Palos Park Police Commissioner Dan Polk has announced that three Palos Park Police officers will receive the 2011 Sheriff's Award of Valor on November 15, 2011 at the Sheriff's annual ceremony recognizing the outstanding work of police officers throughout Cook County,

Palos Park Police Department Officers John Winter, Tony Loiacono and Matt Novak will be honored by Sheriff Dart at the ceremony held at the Grand Hall of the Republic at the Chicago Cultural Center.

**PALOS PARK POLICE JOIN DEA IN THE SECOND NATIONWIDE
PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY**

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and government, community, public health and law enforcement partners today announced a nationwide prescription drug "Take-Back" initiative that seeks to prevent increased pill abuse and theft. DEA will be collecting potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction at sites nationwide on Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 10 A.M.-2 P.M. local time. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

We are reaching out to individuals to encourage them to rid their households of unused prescription drugs that pose a safety hazard and can contribute to prescription drug abuse.

We hope to eliminate a major source of abused prescription drugs, and reduce the hazard they pose to our families and communities in a safe, legal, and environmentally sound way.

Collection sites in every local community can be found by going to www.dea.gov. Local site Palos Park Police Department 8999 W 123rd. Street October 29, 2011 10am / 2 pm

PALOS PARK POLICE OFFER HALLOWEEN SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Palos Park Police Commissioner Dan Polk offers the following safety tips to make Halloween safe!

- WEAR LIGHT-COLORED CLOTHING THAT'S SHORT ENOUGH TO PREVENT TRIPPING, AND ADD REFLECTIVE TAP.
- MAKE SURE CHILDREN CAN SEE WELL THROUGH FACE MASKS, OR USE MAKE-UP
- ADULTS SHOULD ACCOMPANY YOUNG CHILDREN
- GO OUT IN DAYLIGHT AND CARRY A FLASHLIGHT IN CASE OF DELAY
- STAY WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND ONLY VISIT HOMES YOU KNOW
- WATCH FOR TRAFFIC
- ONLY GIVE AND ACCEPT WRAPPED OR PACKAGED CANDY
- EXAMINE ALL CANDY BEFORE ALLOWING CHILDREN TO EAT IT
- KEEP COSTUMED CHILDREN AWAY FROM PETS. THE PETS MAY NOT RECOGNIZE THE CHILD AND BECOME FRIGHTENED
- AVOID HARD PLASTIC OR WOOD PROPS SUCH AS DAGGERS OR SWORDS. SUBSTITUTE WITH SOFT FOAM RUBBER AND PLASTIC.