



### City of Largo Agenda Item 1

Meeting Date  
09/04/18

Presenter: Jeffrey K. Undestad, Chief of Police

Department: PD – Police Department

**TITLE:**

PRESENTATION OF GRANT FOR SAFETYNET PROGRAM

The Pinellas Community Foundation will be awarding the City of Largo Police Department a grant in the amount of \$7,500 in support of LPD Senior Services inaugural SafetyNet program which will be underway in the coming months.

SafetyNet is an innovative tracking technology which uses a commercially-produced tracking system to locate individuals who wander off and may become lost. Other law enforcement agencies have implemented this program with many successful rescues. Examples include Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, which first began using the SafetyNet system in 2009 and annually locates dozens of individuals using the technology.

The LPD SafetyNet initiative will provide an opportunity to reduce emergency service hours for individuals who wander, and ultimately help save lives by decreasing search times and increase the probability of a safe return home.

Budgeted Amount: \$0.00      Budget Page No(s): NA      Available Amount: \$0.00      Expenditure Amount: \$0.00

Additional Budgetary Information: Not applicable

Funding Source(s): NA      Sufficient Funds Available:  Yes  No      Budget Amendment Required:  Yes  No      Source: N/A

City Attorney Reviewed:  Yes  No  N/A      Advisory Board Recommendation:  For  Against  N/A      Consistent With:  Yes  No  N/A      Not Applicable

Potential Motion/Direction Requested: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

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Attachments: SafetyNet Fact Sheet

# **SafetyNet**

## Tracking Systems

### **“Protecting People and Locating The Lost”**

#### **SafetyNet Fact Sheet**

##### ***Proven Technology & Processes to Help Find People Who Wander and Go Missing***

The SafetyNet service helps caregivers provide an added layer of protection for loved ones with cognitive conditions such as autism and Alzheimer’s from the potentially life-threatening behavior of wandering. The service will enable public safety agencies to more effectively find and rescue people at risk, in the event they wander, supplementing traditional searches that often take countless man-hours. By leveraging proven technology and processes, the SafetyNet service aids in the safe return of a person who goes missing and provides peace of mind to caregivers.

##### ***How SafetyNet Works***

Once caregivers enroll their loved ones in the service, they receive a SafetyNet Bracelet, which is worn by the person at risk typically on their wrist or ankle. The caregiver provides information about the client to assist in search and rescue, which is then entered into a secure database. SafetyNet provides 24x7 emergency caregiver support. For participating public safety agencies, SafetyNet provides Search and Rescue Receivers, certified training and ongoing support.

The SafetyNet Bracelet constantly emits a Radio Frequency signal. Radio Frequency is the technology of choice because, unlike cellular and GPS technology, its signal doesn’t rely on cellular networks or satellite signals and can often be tracked when a client wanders into a shallow body of water, a densely wooded area, a concrete structure such as a garage, or a building constructed with steel.

The Search and Rescue Receivers can detect the Radio Frequency signal emitted from a SafetyNet Bracelet typically within a range of approximately one mile in on-the-ground searches and 5-7 miles in searches by helicopter.

The certified training for public safety agencies focuses on the use of specialized electronic equipment, technology, procedures and on how to effectively communicate with and approach individuals who have cognitive conditions. SafetyNet’s secure database contains information on each individual client enrolled in the program so search and rescue teams can have information on the individual’s physical characteristics, personal habits and how he or she should be approached, addressed and comforted.

##### ***Resources for Caregivers***

SafetyNet’s website, [www.safetynettracking.com](http://www.safetynettracking.com) is an online information and resource center designed to assist caregivers seeking tips and information on how to protect their loved ones who wander. Its Resources tab offers compelling content from across the web, access to our Twitter feed and YouTube channel, a Facebook page to help caregivers communicate with one another and engage in a community of support, plus a variety of valuable resources for caregivers such as forms to distribute to their local first responders and neighbors that may be helpful in the event their loved one wanders.

For more information please contact SafetyNet Tracking Systems  
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