

Windsor Heights Police Department

LOVED ONES SAFE AND TOGETHER (L.O.S.T.) PROGRAM



The Windsor Heights Police Department, in collaboration with the Des Moines Police Department and the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Iowa Chapter, is proud to announce the creation of a new law enforcement program aimed at helping reunite individuals suffering from Alzheimer's (or any other medical condition which affects memory) who becomes separated from their families. The program is called L.O.S.T. which stands for Loved Ones Safe and Together.

So often individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's or another medical condition which involves memory loss or confusion will wander away from their home and police officers are called to assist in locating them. In addition, officers occasionally come across individuals who are lost but for whatever reason, have not been reported as such. The L.O.S.T. program consists of a computer database that is stored at the police department. It contains information about the person such as name, address, physical description, birth date, etc. It also contains information about the potential activities of the person, where they may be heading or where they have been found before when lost and what symptoms they may exhibit when located by the police officer. The database contains provisions for a photograph of the individual which can be sent directly to searching officers via in-car computer systems, or the media, should they be notified to assist in finding the person. The database can be upgraded as new information or changes occur with the person.

There is no cost to participate in this program. For further information or to enroll in the L.O.S.T. program simply contact the Windsor Heights Police Department at 515-277-4453. In addition to the completing an information form, we will ask that you include a recent photograph of your loved one. If you do not have a photograph, arrangements will be made for an officer to come to your home to take a photograph for the database.

The L.O.S.T. Program is an innovative way to assist police in locating and identifying persons affected by medical conditions which could result in them becoming lost. We encourage you to participate in this proactive program for the sake of your loved ones.

Residents of Windsor Heights can contact the Windsor Heights Police Department for a form or information on this program. Please contact Tammy Breese 277-4453.

