



Safely Back Home program provides peace of mind in Garfield

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Shirts with the Safely Back Home imprint that help the public assist an individual who has become lost.

Garfield residents can sign up loved ones who are prone to wandering for additional coverage through a non-profit organization that will imprint clothing free of charge.

Safely Back Home is a program that provides additional peace of mind to families and caregivers of people who wander. The patent-pending process of Safely Back Home uses identification information imprinted on personal garments to help the public assist an individual who has become lost. The program can be utilized for any age ranging from children with autism to senior citizens with Alzheimers.

Safely Back Home's President Paul Jetter said he started the non-profit program because his father had dementia and he was concerned. He said registering with the police department enables the police to have the person's picture, caregiver information, medication background and ways to keep calm if they are approached.

Jetter said all the information is kept in a file at the police department and then they assign an identification number that is then placed on the clothing.

"It adds a layer of peace of mind for the parents and caregivers," Jetter said. "The police like it because they can identify someone who is lost faster and there is something that indicates there is an issue."

The program launched in Garfield on Aug. 4. Jetter was at 20th Century Field speaking with residents about the program during the National Night Out events.

Along with Garfield, North Arlington, New Milford and Mahwah police departments are also offering the program. Jetter said residents can fill out the application and drop off shirts and then pick them back up a week later.



Safely Back Home custom imprints a loved one's clothing with emergency contact information. If a family member gets lost, the custom imprint enables the public to help the person get safely back home.

Safely Back Home's President Paul Jetter with a garment with the imprint. [BUY THIS PHOTO](#)

When a person appears lost and is wearing the imprinted garment, the person who finds them can quickly contact the police department with location details.

The imprint provides specific contact information that can easily be seen by rescuers.

The imprint will include an identification number and the contact information for the Garfield Police Department.

Safely Back Home will custom print six new or used personal clothing items per applicant for free. The imprints include emergency information to assist in the rescue. Any additional imprints will cost \$12 per garment.

Safely Back Home works in partnership with Project Lifesaver International. Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits a tracking signal. Jetter said residents can do both programs as an extra layer of security.

Applications for the program are available at the Garfield Police Department and additional information can be found on safelybackhome.org.

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