Project Lifesaver

**Purpose:**

This procedure is to provide guidance when responding to a Project Lifesaver call.

**Policy:**

When a call is received into Central Dispatch, a dispatcher will page out the appropriate Fire Dept., Police Dept., and VTFD Rescue 10. VTFD Rescue 10 will respond emergent to the location provided by Central Dispatch.

The responding personnel to any area of Knox County shall be provided with the PLS participant Frequency and Physical Description. A book will be kept near the radio at Station 10 with this information. Upon arrival to the last known location, a 360⁰ search is to be conducted using the LSI-G2 receiver. Once the signal is located proceed in the direction of the strongest signal. If an initial signal cannot be located, adjust the frequency in 0.001 increments up to 3.

Example: Frequency 216.123 would be 216.122, 216.121, 216.120 and subsequently up from 216.123.

If a signal still cannot be located, start a grid search using the Omni Antenna placed on top of a vehicle. Once a signal is received, go back to the Yogi Antenna and resume a ground search. Continue searching until the person is located or the transmitter is located. If the transmitter is found alone, notify command immediately so a conventional search by Law Enforcement can be conducted.

A full fire report shall be filed prior to end of shift or within 24 hours. A copy of the report should by printed out and given to Rich Dillon so an After Action Report can be filed with Project Lifesaver International.

**Training:**

Initial training will be conducted at Station 7 or other location to be announced as needed. Refresher will be conducted no more than every 2 years thereafter.