Travis County Sheriff’s Office Announces Silver Search-Travis County

On Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at 2:30pm, at 5555 Airport Blvd., the Travis County Sheriff’s Office, in partnership with the Austin Community Foundation and EmFinders, will hold a news conference to announce the initiation of the Silver Search – Travis County program. The program offers equipment at no cost to families and caregivers of adult persons with impairments due to Alzheimer’s, dementia, or related afflictions which may impact memory, and cause someone to wander.

In a missing person investigation, involving seniors who wander, timing is crucial. The “EmSeeQ emergency locator system” by EmFinders assists law enforcement officers with the location and return of the missing person. The participant wears a bracelet, which can be activated after they are reported missing. The caregiver calls law enforcement to generate a report. The report number given to the caregiver is then given to the EmFinders call center via their toll-free number. EmFinders then activates the device and the location is transmitted via cell tower to 911 dispatchers who sends a Patrol Deputy to the missing persons location.

This project is being funded through donations to Silver Search – Travis County at the Austin Community Foundation. For information on the Silver Search-Travis County program or information on how to make a donation, go to silversearchTC@co.travis.tx.us or call (512) 854-4384. For more information about the EmFinders EmSeeQ emergency locator system, visit the company’s website at www.emfinders.com.

The contact for this event is Senior Deputy Kimberly Orts at, 854-3248.

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