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Smiths Falls Police Service Proud Partner In Bringing MedicAlert Connect Protect To Smiths Falls

The Smiths Falls Police Service is partnering with MedicAlert Foundation Canada to better help officers quickly locate lost or missing vulnerable individuals, such as those living with autism, Alzheimer's, dementia, or other cognitive brain injuries, so they can be quickly and safely returned to their loved ones.

We will be launching this partnership at the Alzheimer Society Lanark Leeds Grenville office (179 Elmsley Street North unit #155, Smiths Falls, Ontario), on Friday January 25th at 10:00 a.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend to learn more about this program.

MedicAlert *Connect Protect* gives police officers 24-hour access to a registered subscriber's photo, identifying information, past wandering history and other medical information through the MedicAlert identification and associated database. This information will help officers search more efficiently, increasing the chances that those who go missing are reunited with their loved ones sooner. Officers are trained to look out for the MedicAlert pendants or bracelets should they encounter a missing or vulnerable member of our community. Currently in Smiths Falls, there are over 1,350 people registered with the MedicAlert ID service.

Officers called to an emergency involving a MedicAlert subscriber will have access to vital information which could save a life. "Partnerships within our community, like this one, help us to better protect our more vulnerable citizens because we can quickly access important information," said Smiths Falls Police Chief Mark MacGillivray. "We are committed to exploring any new options to meet the needs of our changing demographics and aging populations that help keep them safe."

"As a registered Canadian charity for more than 50 years, MedicAlert has played an important role in helping to protect Canadians and give families peace of mind in wandering or emergency situations," explained Françoise Faverjon-Fortin,

CEO of MedicAlert. “Our database is a vital link between the community and first responders when faster, informed action makes all the difference and we’re honoured to assist police services across the country.”

MedicAlert Foundation Canada (MAFCA) is the largest membership-based registered charity in Canada and it is the leading provider of emergency medical information services. MedicAlert’s mission is to ensure that all Canadians have access to high-quality health information at time of need, and has protected more than one million Canadians since 1961.

MedicAlert® is backed by robust electronic health records maintained by medically trained professionals, a state-of-the-art secure database, and a 24/7 Emergency Hotline that is answered by a live agent, all linked to customized identification products for Canadians with medical conditions and special needs. Globally recognized and respected, MedicAlert speaks for you, when you can’tTM.

Learn more about MedicAlert and the MedicAlert *Connect Protect* service, how it works, and how you or a loved one can sign up to a service plan by visiting www.medicalert.ca/ConnectProtect or by calling 1-866-696-0273.

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