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Immediate Press Release:

Warren, NJ: Mayor Carolann Garafola, Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Jane Asch and Chief of Police Russ Leffert met with two representatives from Emfinders of Frisco, TX to observe a demonstration on a piece of equipment called EmSeeQ by Emfinders, a cell phone activated device that is worn on the wrist of someone who may be elderly with dementia or a child with autism who cannot communicate. This device uses cell phone triangulation signals to locate the longitude and latitude of a person who has been reported missing by a family member or caregiver. The demonstration took place on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at Warren's Police Headquarters when an employee traveled to an undisclosed location simulating a "missing" person. Once the bracelet device was activated by the Emfinders's home base, Warren's 9-1-1 system was able to receive a longitude and latitude location of the "missing" employee in their dispatch center. This entire process took less than five minutes, saving valuable time as compared to sending First Responders and dogs out to search for a missing person.

This is the first and only cellular based locator system of its kind, and it is worn as a "wristwatch" on the adult or child. Unlike traditional GPS systems which can only transmit a signal from a clear line of sight to a satellite; the Emfinders technology relies on existing cellular network based location technology, and can transmit a signal from inside a building, under a bridge or other obstruction. It is also able to follow the movement of the person whether in a car or on foot continuing to "locate" the direction the missing person is traveling. The use of such a device is occurring in all 50 states in cooperation with law enforcement, and caregivers who have chosen to put the device on their loved one.

Warren Township's OEM Department has made a commitment to assist all residents in being proactive in preparing for emergencies. "Wandering is a deadly threat to the cognitively impaired, and it only takes one event to result in a tragedy for a family," said Jane Asch, Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management. To safeguard those senior family members who may become confused when out-of-doors, or a child with special needs who wanders unexpectedly, residents can further investigate Emfinders at [www.emfinders.com](http://www.emfinders.com) or by calling [1-866-426-3386](tel:1-866-426-3386).