

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Family Watchdog
Your family's best friend

RE: Family Watchdog Link

Sheriff Savokinas announces new technology added to the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department Web-Site. This technology is an easy way for the citizens of Luzerne County obtain information to protect their loved ones. The link is called Family Watch Dog. Sheriff Savokinas, says this service allows you to view known registered offenders and predators in your area. Knowing who these people are and what they've done provides you with your best defense to protect your family – awareness.

Sheriff Savokinas invites you to use this free service to locate registered sex offenders in your area. Just enter an address and they'll show a map. You can click on the squares that appear and see photos (where available) addresses, convictions and other information about the offender.

The Family Watch Dog notification service is very simple. You specify up to three addresses that you want to watch and the distance around those addresses. They do the rest. They update their data daily from multiple state sex offender registries. As soon as a convicted sex offender registers an address in your area, they will alert you. It's that easy.

To view this: Go to www.luzernecounty.org then go to **Row Offices**, click on it; then go to **Sheriff**, click on it; then in the right hand corner you will see services, go to **Community Services**, click on it; on the bottom of that page you will see the icon for the **Family Watch Dog**, click on it and it will take you right to the site. There you will enter the information as it takes you step by step.