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Woodridge Police Department Works with Schools to Observe National Missing Children's Day

National Missing Children's Day is recognized each year on May 25th. This year, the Woodridge Police Department has partnered with School District 68 to purchase 3,000 identification kits to distribute to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The Police Department will also provide kits to students attending St. Scholastica. The kits that will be provided are an in-home inkless fingerprint and DNA kit, which is the only Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) approved identification kit of its kind.

The national goal is to collectively distribute 550,000 Child ID Kits in recognition of National Missing Children's Day, which would mark the largest law enforcement distribution of Child ID Kits in a single day. This effort is part of the National Identification Program, which allows for children, beginning at age four, to be fingerprinted with the identification information being maintained by parents.

The National Identification Program offers the following tips to keep children safe:

Children Should be Taught To:

- Know his/her full name, as well as your name, address and telephone number, including area code. Children should know how to use the telephone.
- Never answer the door if they are alone. Never invite anyone in the house w/out permission of a parent or baby-sitter.
- Never take candy or gifts from strangers or anyone else without asking a parent first.

Parents Should:

- Avoid clothing and toys with your child's name on it. A child is less likely to fear someone who knows his/her name.
- Always accompany young children to the bathroom in public places.
- Keep an up-to-date color photograph of your child, as well as a medical and dental history, and have your child fingerprinted.

For more information and tips, please visit the National Child Identification Program at <http://www.childidprogram.com>.