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Ref: ID kits for Texas children.

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas has joined efforts with the American Football Coaches Association, FBI National Child Identification Program, Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and the office of Governor Rick Perry to provide ID kits to all Texas children, grades K-6.

This initiative will reach over 2 million Texas children, the fourth largest ID kit distribution in U.S. history.

With the help of Texas Sheriffs and Superintendents, ID kits will be distributed through the public school systems and Sheriff's Offices. Students enrolled in the public school system in grades K-6 will receive an ID kit through their superintendent. Each Sheriff in Texas will also receive 600 kits to be handed out on a first come, first serve basis to children who fall outside of the K-6 age range or do not attend public school.

Each kit contains an inkless fingerprinting card, DNA swab and preservation envelope, and a wallet card. All information can be completed by a parent or guardian and stored at home. In the event of an emergency, the ID kit can be handed over to authorities to help locate a missing child.

Sheriff Burks said that his office has 600 ID kits. The kits will be available at the Sheriff's Office in Gatesville or the Sheriff's Annex in Copperas Cove.

For additional information, please contact: Tami Becton, AFCA/FBI National Child ID Program, 806-729-4471 – cell, tami@childidprogram.com.

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