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LOCAL OFFICIALS TOUT CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Cuyahoga Falls Mayor Don Robart and Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio are collaborating on a program sponsored by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles to allow parents to take another step in protecting their children.

"ID R KIDS for Safety" is designed to provide law enforcement with another instrument to identify children in the event they go missing. On Sunday, May 17th from 11am until 3pm at the new Cuyahoga Falls License Bureau, 650 Graham Road, parents will have that opportunity. Any child of any age can have their photo identification card produced at that time. The parent must provide the following documents: original birth certificate and child's Social Security card (no photocopies will be accepted for either document). If a child does not have a Social Security number yet assigned, parents can obtain a temporary form from the Social Security Administration verifying that the child's Social Security number has been assigned and being processed.

Parents will be asked to fill out a brief information form upon arrival at the License Bureau. The cost for each photo ID is \$8.50 and the entire process for each ID will take less than five minutes.

"What makes this form of identification so valuable is that a child's name, address, description and photo will automatically be entered into the national Law Enforcement Automated Data System and will be available to the Amber Alert database through LEADS," said Mayor Robart. "This can also dramatically reduce the possibility of identification fraud."

The ID R KIDS for Safety Program is a newer program and it is hoped that the collaboration between Mayor Robart and Judge Teodosio will heighten the program's profile in Summit County.

"This program is yet another safeguard for parents to protect their children. Knowing that information on your child is instantly accessible to every law enforcement agency in the nation should provide the parent and the child some peace of mind," said Judge Teodosio.

If the public has further questions about the ID R KIDS for Safety Program, they should call Bob Teodosio at the Cuyahoga Falls License Bureau at 330-929-6469.

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