

Sheriff's Office to hold community safety event Saturday

(KNZA)--The Brown County Sheriff's Office is inviting the public to a community safety event on Saturday, June 4th.

Brown County Sheriff John Merchant said the Hiawatha Police Department will be partnering with them for the event, which will take place from 11- 1 at the Sheriff's office located at 709 Utah Street, in Hiawatha.

Free hot dogs, chips, and pop will be provided to the first 200 people.

There will be certified child safety seat techs from Amberwell Health as well as the Sheriff's office on-site to check car seats.

Merchant said they will also offer fingerprinting for all children as well as a bicycle obstacle course and safety information.

Merchant said many parents have requested fingerprinting for their children. He said they have complete child ID kits that will be provided free of charge to parents and caregivers. Staff will fingerprint children and all documents will be given back to parents to keep for their records. The ID kit also includes emergency phone and contact numbers as well as a dental chart, a place for a photo, and any physical identifying characteristics the child may have.

Each year, over 800,000 children are reported missing, so Merchant says he feels this is a very worthwhile project.

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