

Free child emergency ID kits available

(KNZA)--The Brown County Sheriff's Office has child emergency ID kits available free of charge in the lobby of the sheriff's office.

Sheriff John Merchant said the kits are commonly referred to as IDENTAKID packets. He said the kits are all self contained, meaning everything is included in the kits to obtain fingerprints and DNA from children for safekeeping in the event they should be lost, injured or abducted.

The kit contains emergency information, fingerprint cards with non-toxic ink strips, sterile cotton swabs, DNA storage bags, information wallet cards, safety tips and instructions---which can all be stored in a clear plastic sleeve.

Merchant urges all parents and caregivers to utilize these kits on behalf of child safety. After completion, he said parents can keep this information in a secure area in the event it is ever needed.

The Sheriff's Office will also have the kits available during the National Night Out event in Hiawatha on August 2nd.

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