



Delaware County Emergency Communications Center PRESS RELEASE



Delaware County Emergency Communications Center Joins National Program to Protect Children

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MUNCIE, IN – The Delaware County Emergency Communications Center (DCECC) is proud to announce its official membership in the Missing Kids Readiness Program (MKRP), a national initiative led by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) aimed at improving the response to missing, abducted, and sexually exploited children.

This milestone underscores the DCECC's ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of children in Delaware County, Indiana, and across the nation. By joining the MKRP, the DCECC is further enhancing its ability to protect children in emergencies, ensuring that every action taken in response to a missing child report is swift, efficient, and aligned with best practices.

“The first moments after a missing child report is received are critical. Our team at DCECC understands that the actions we take can make all the difference in whether a child is safely returned or a tragedy occurs,” said Christopher King, Supervisor and Agency Instructor at the DCECC. “Joining the Missing Kids Readiness Program reinforces our dedication to being fully prepared for these high-stakes situations.”

The MKRP is a rigorous program that recognizes Emergency Communications Centers (ECCs) and law enforcement agencies that meet comprehensive training and policy standards. These standards ensure that responders are equipped with the skills and resources necessary to effectively manage cases involving missing and exploited children.

To meet the program's requirements, the DCECC worked closely with NCMEC to refine its missing child policies, aligning them with the national model policies. Additionally, Christopher King led the effort by completing the required training and guiding all Telecommunicators, Trainers, Supervisors, and Executive Staff through the online training process.

“This achievement reflects the collective dedication of our entire team,” said Fred Cummings, Director of the DCECC. “It sends a clear message to our community that the safety of our children is our highest priority. We are now better equipped than ever to respond to these critical situations.”

With the tools and knowledge gained through the MKRP, the DCECC is now even better positioned to act quickly, thoroughly, and effectively when a child's safety is at risk. The program enhances the center's ability to coordinate responses, ensure accurate information sharing, and expedite the recovery of missing children.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has expressed its congratulations to the DCECC for achieving this important milestone, acknowledging the center's commitment to the protection and safety of children in Delaware County.

To learn more about NCMEC and the Missing Kids Readiness Program, go to:
<https://www.missingkids.org/education/training/missing-kids-readiness-program>

For a full listing of all MKRP recognized agencies, go to: <https://www.missingkids.org/education/training/missing-kids-readiness-program#members>