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2007 NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY POSTER CONTEST

Ohio's Fifth-Grade Students Eligible to Participate

COLUMBUS– The Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee is encouraging Ohio's fifth-grade students to participate in the 2007 national poster contest "Bringing Our Missing Children Home," sponsored by the U. S. Department of Justice. The goal of the yearly contest is for America's fifth-grade students to develop the artwork that will represent America's united goal to bring missing children home safely.

More than 1.3 million children are reported missing each year. Fortunately, through collective efforts and partnerships between law enforcement, government agencies and individual citizens, most of these children return home safely. Sadly, though many do not.

"As parents and educators we are committed to our children," said Mark Patchen, chairperson of Ohio's AMBER Alert Steering Committee. "This contest is an opportunity for children to have fun creating a poster while also learning valuable lessons about their safety."

The Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee will select three winning posters from all of the submissions, two runners up and the overall statewide winner. The three winning students will receive certificates from the Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee and have their posters displayed on the Ohio AMBER Plan Web site. The overall statewide winning poster will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice for final judging, which will result in the selection of one overall national poster contest winner. The national winner will travel to Washington D.C., with his/her teacher and parents to receive an award at the National Missing Children's Day Ceremony. The winning poster will represent child safety for the U.S. Department of Justice for the coming year.

A complete packet of information relating to the poster contest is available on the Ohio AMBER Alert Web site, www.ohioamberplan.org. Click the Press Room link and then on the heading "2007 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest" to download the materials.

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