

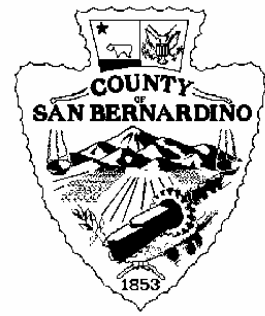
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Digital IDs for Children Available at Fontana Health and Safety Fair

FONTANA – Mini-CDs parents will create for free at the 4th annual Fontana Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, May 20 at Jack Bulik Park could one day help locate a missing child.

Parents will be able to generate a mini-CD using SafeAssured ID software, a camera and microphone. The CD will contain their child's photograph, photos of identifiable marks on the youngster, a voice recording, fingerprints, a general physical description and other information.

Radio station KTIE-590 – "The Voice of the Inland Empire" – is providing the software, equipment and materials needed to produce the digital IDs.

Police can use the mini-CDs to send quality photographs to law enforcement agencies and media outlets immediately after a child is reported missing. Information such as a child's medical conditions, special medications, pet names and nicknames can also be recorded on the mini-CD.

More than 100,000 children are reported missing in California every year, according to the Attorney General's Office. Most are runaways, thousands are victims of parental abduction, and a handful fall prey to strangers. While the reasons why children disappear differ, one fact is constant: Law enforcement officers must have quick access to the best identification information possible to find a missing child.

"Parents can provide law enforcement authorities with their child's entire profile by simply handing over this palm-size CD," said San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Paul Biane, who hosts the Fontana Health and Safety Fair yearly. "When a child goes missing, minutes matter. These digital IDs can help parents of missing children save precious time by putting all of the necessary information in one easy-to-access location. KTIE is performing a valuable public service by providing these CDs at the Health and Safety Fair."

In addition to the digital IDs, residents can get free child safety seats, gun locks and bicycle helmets at the fair. The event, which also features free health screenings for all ages, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 at Jack Bulik Park located at 16581 Filbert Avenue in Fontana.

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