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Sheriff Dan Altena announces a new program at the Sioux County Sheriff's Office.

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office has recently joined with an organization which will assist with finding missing, or lost, persons.

The program is called, "***A Child Is Missing***". This program is free to law enforcement and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Child Is Missing alert program utilizes geo-mapping, satellite imagery and the use of a high-tech telephony system. The system is capable of placing 1,000 phone calls to residences and businesses in a specific search area in approximately one minute's time. At the same time the residences and business are being called, phone calls are also being made to local radio stations requesting the information be broadcasted.

The main emphasis of this program is the quick recovery of lost children; it can also be used to locate the parents of recovered children.

A Child Is Missing will also offer assistance in cases that involve missing elderly, runaways, abductions, jail break notification, and cases that involve the mentally challenged.

The Sheriff's Office is confident this program will be an asset to Sioux County officers and its citizens in the quick recovery of lost or missing persons.

A Child is missing program does not replace the Amber Alert system; it is commonly activated prior to and along with an Amber Alert. This program offers assistance to Law Enforcement in cases that do not meet the criteria to be considered for an Amber Alert.

Website: www.achildismissing.org