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OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES ISSUES IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO MINOR AGED CHILDREN

Columbus – For the first time, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) traveled to a local school, Columbus Preparatory Academy, to issue State of Ohio Identification (ID) cards to minor-aged children whose parents voluntarily requested them. BMV staff processed applications, took digital photos and issued Ohio ID cards to eligible children. The IDs will be printed at BMV headquarters and mailed to the children after the final processing has been completed.

The ID card for school-aged children and the Next of Kin programs offer a unique database available to law enforcement agencies should a child with an Ohio ID become involved in an accident, lost, abducted or otherwise missing. The child's vital information, photo and emergency contact/Next of Kin information are available to a responding law enforcement officer and can readily be attached to any subsequent AMBER alert or missing child alert.

In addition to being able to immediately contact the parents or guardians, this saves time and sometimes extraordinary efforts to secure a photograph for the alerts, posters, media releases and other resources used to locate missing or abducted children.

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For more information on IDRKids and Next of Kin programs, visit the BMV Web site at www.bmv.ohio.gov