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## **GLYNN-BRUNSWICK E911 CENTER BECOMES MEMBER OF PREMIER PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROTECT GLYNN COUNTY'S CHILDREN**

From the moment the report of a missing child comes in, to the resolution of the case, every action taken has the potential to make the difference between a successful recovery and a tragic outcome.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) developed the Missing Kids Readiness Program to promote best practices for responding to calls of missing, abducted, and sexually exploited children. 911 call centers and law enforcement agencies are recognized for meeting essential training and policy elements demonstrating preparedness for responding to a missing child incident.

To meet the requirements of the Program, Glynn-Brunswick E911 Center worked with NCMEC on their missing child policy to ensure it met the critical elements of NCMEC's model policy for call center agencies. In addition, Mr. Steve Usher attended the Missing Children Seminar for Chief Executives held at NCMEC headquarters in Alexandria, VA and ensured all telecommunicators and front line supervisors completed the necessary classroom and/or online training required for membership. By demonstrating remarkable leadership and making this commitment of training and preparedness, the Glynn-Brunswick E911 Center is communicating to its citizens and families that protecting the lives and safety of their children is a top priority.

Mr. Usher added that, "During the seminar, we were able to listen to the families of missing and exploited children and through their stories we have a better understanding of how to react. We have also implemented policies in coordination with the NCMEC that will allow us to work closely with first responders to rapidly act on each call and every call for these children."

Armed with the information, knowledge and operational resources gained through meeting the Program criteria, the Glynn-Brunswick E911 Center is now positioned to respond more quickly, comprehensively, and effectively when a child's life may be at stake.

Not only is the Glynn-Brunswick E911 Center now one of just 284 Missing Kids Readiness Program agencies in the United States who have achieved this status, they are also the eighth PSAP within the state of Georgia.

We at the National Center would like to express our sincere gratitude and congratulations to the Glynn-Brunswick E911 Center for achieving this milestone, and for their diligence and commitment to children.

To learn more about NCMEC and the Missing Kids Readiness Program, go to:  
<http://www.missingkids.com/ourwork/training/mkrp>.

For a full listing of all MKRP recognized agencies, go to:  
<http://www.missingkids.com/ourwork/training/mkrpmembers>.

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