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### **Fairfield Rotary & Police to register children in AMBER Alert ID Program**

(Fairfield, CT) — The Fairfield Rotary Club in cooperation with the Fairfield Police will be registering children in the AMBER Alert emergency response system on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM at Tomlinson Middle School located at 200 Unquowa Road in Fairfield.

This event allows parents the opportunity to register their children up to the age of 18 in the database and obtain an identification card. During registration a picture is taken and a description of the child is logged into the nationwide confidential database. The AMBER Alert database is used and accessed by various local authorities in the event a child is missing. The ID card can be used by parents trying to track down a child.

The goal of the AMBER Alert System, named for 9-year old Amber Hagerman, is to instantly notify the entire state, so everyone may assist in the search for the safe return of the child. The public immediately becomes the ears and eyes of law enforcement and can assist in the search for the missing child. AMBER Alert programs have helped save the lives of over 350 children nationwide. Over 90 percent of those recoveries have occurred since October 2002.



The Fairfield Rotary Club and Fairfield Police Department are being assisted by the Danbury Rotary Club which is providing the customized computer terminals and photography equipment. The Danbury Club is a leading participant in the state Rotary project to register all Connecticut children into the AMBER Alert emergency response system - in cooperation with the Connecticut State Police. Further support is being provided by sponsors of the event People Insurance & Investments, The Bank of Fairfield, and Lesko & Polke Funeral Home, of Fairfield Center. Their sponsorship will allow for registration to be free though additional identification cards cost \$2.

The registration is a first-come, first-served event; all are welcome and encouraged to participate. The Rotary Club is arranging for entertainment for children waiting in line to be registered. For further information please go to [www.fairfieldrotary.org/](http://www.fairfieldrotary.org/) or contact Steve Elworthy at [steveelworthy@yahoo.com](mailto:steveelworthy@yahoo.com).

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