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**Fairfield Rotary, Black Rock Rotary & Fairfield Police to register children in AMBER Alert ID Program  
Post Office will also be processing Passport Applications**

(Fairfield, CT) — The Fairfield and Black Rock Rotary Clubs, in cooperation with the Fairfield Police Department, will be registering children in the AMBER Alert emergency response system on Saturday, November 7th from 10 AM to 4 PM at St. Pius X School in Fairfield located at 834 Brookside Drive.

Over the past year and half, the Fairfield Rotary Club has registered over 750 children at three prior events. 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. **Only a photo, description of the child and a date of birth are put on the ID. There is no name, address or phone number on the card.**



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 Rotary Clubs and Fairfield Police Department are being assisted by the Danbury Rotary Club which is providing the customized computer terminals and photography equipment.

**The Post Office will also be present to process passport applications.**

**THE ROTARY CLUB WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING USED INK CARTRIDGES AND TONER CARTRIDGES AND OLD CELL PHONES.**

Further support is being provided by sponsors of the event: Benemark, Inc., Archie Moore's, George Markley, Esq., Dr. Gery Habansky, Port Coffeehouse and Shoe Emporium . 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 Ben Williamson at [benwilliamson@jbw1.com](mailto:benwilliamson@jbw1.com).