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### MCAO Takes Safety Awareness to the Community for Safe Kids Summer

PHOENIX—MCAO staff volunteers are heading out into the community for another season of Safe Kids Summer as part of our ongoing effort to provide safety education and awareness to the public. Booths will be set up at locations around the Valley through the next two months with information for parents and kids about staying safe at home, in public and on the internet. Kids can also play games and answer age-appropriate safety questions to win small prizes.

“There’s no better way to reach kids with important safety lessons than to meet them in their community,” said County Attorney Bill Montgomery. “We can reinforce important safety messages while having fun.”

At the booths, parents can pick up a free Child ID kit containing materials to maintain a child’s fingerprints, DNA and other identifying information.

“Being able to provide physical identifying information to law enforcement right away can go a long way in helping to have a happy outcome, should the unthinkable happen,” said Montgomery.

In addition to this annual program, the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office has launched a new Summer Learning Series for kids ages 6-12. Community Affairs Coordinators will be delivering curriculum-based safety programming at summer camps and other youth organizations throughout the valley. The programs are based on the nationally recognized KidSmartz and NetSmartz programs developed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

To find out where MCAO will be during Safe Kids Summer, visit the Community Events Calendar at [MaricopaCountyAttorney.org](http://MaricopaCountyAttorney.org).

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