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SLED PARTNERS WITH S.C. DEPT OF EDUCATION TO PROMOTE AWARENESS IN NATIONAL POSTER COMPETITION

The S.C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED) has partnered with the South Carolina Department of Education in an effort to help promote the 37th Annual National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest which is designed to encourage awareness among teachers, parents/guardians and children and engage them in discussions about safety. This year's theme is "Bringing Our Missing Children Home."

The poster competition is in conjunction with National Missing Children's Day, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Missing Children's Day is dedicated to encouraging those entrusted with the well-being of children to make child safety a priority. It serves as a reminder to continue the efforts to reunite missing children with their families while also honoring those dedicated to this noble cause.

"We all want our children to be safe," says Alex Schelble, SLED's AMBER Alert Coordinator. "It is our hope through this contest that children learn more about the steps they can take to be aware of their surroundings and be safe."

The contest is open to all fifth-graders. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 3. Additional contest information, including rules can be found [here](#). The SC winning poster will continue the contest at the national level. Each state winner, whose poster is selected to go to the national judging competition, will receive a national award certificate from the DOJ.

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