



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff



Public Safety Announcement

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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office would like to make the community aware that there are now two helpful methods for enabling emergency personnel to have quicker and easier access to victims' next of kin contact information in the event of an emergency. Fortunately in Hanover County, the need to notify next of kin is rare, and in most cases diligent investigation is all that is needed to locate a victim's loved one. However, the Sheriff's Office would like our community to be aware of these new methods.

One method of ensuring that your loved ones are notified in case of an emergency is by registering with the "National Next Of Kin Registry" online at www.nokr.org. Established in January 2004, the National Next of Kin Registry is a non-profit organization that also helps families find each other in the event of hurricanes, tornados and floods, as well as terrorist attacks. This registry is available to search only by registered Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS agencies nationwide, including the Hanover County Sheriff's Office. Registration is easy, confidential and is offered at no charge.

A second new method is a concept called "I.C.E.", which stands for "In Case of Emergency." With the ICE concept, cell phone users are encouraged to program the word "ICE" into their cell phone's contacts or phone directory, along with the phone number for whom to call in case of an emergency.

This enables first responders and hospital workers to not only find the information quickly by looking up "ICE" contact, but to be able to quickly notify next of kin when victims are unable to provide the information themselves. Multiple emergency contacts can be listed as "ICE1", "ICE2", "ICE3", etc.

Emergency personnel in Hanover and across the nation can use both of these methods. If you have any questions, please contact Lt. Doug Goodman at 365-6312.

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