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**DETROIT POLICE “TAKE 25”
MORE THAN 1000 CHILDREN FINGERPRINTED**

DETROIT – On Friday, May 23, 2008, the Detroit Police Department will announce its participation in the national “Take 25” child identification and safety program. Officers will have fingerprinted and registered over 1,000 students (grades 1st - 5th) by May 25th with each parent receiving a kit that includes valuable child safety tips.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan declared May 25th of every year to be National Missing Children’s Day. This designation was to serve as an annual reminder to our nation that child safety must remain a priority. To commemorate this day, the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in partnership with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) launched Take 25 campaign in 2007.

Take 25 encourages law enforcement, parents, guardian, role models and educators to take 25 minutes to talk to children about ways to be safer, while promoting an ongoing open dialogue with the youth.

WHAT: “Take 25” Child ID & Safety Program Press Conference

WHEN: Friday, Friday, May 22, 2008

WHERE: Dixon Elementary School (19500 Tireman)

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

For further information, please contact the Office of Public Information at 596-2200.

