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Secretary of State Jesse White Unveils Emergency Contact Database

Secretary of State Jesse White unveiled today the Emergency Contact Database, established by Public Act 95-0898, which will allow the public to voluntarily enter their emergency contact information through the Secretary of State's website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. This information is then made available electronically to law enforcement statewide through LEADS (Law Enforcement Agencies Data System).

"My office initiated this legislation to help ensure that loved ones are promptly contacted should one of their family members or friends suffer an injury that renders them unable to communicate to first responders," said White. "The Emergency Contact Database offers some added peace of mind."

The voluntary database allows Illinois residents to enter information at www.cyberdriveillinois.com for up to two family members or friends, including addresses and phone numbers should it be necessary for law enforcement to reach them in case of an emergency. All Illinois residents possessing an Illinois driver's license, instruction permit or identification card qualify for the voluntary program. Residents may list anyone in the United States as emergency contacts.

Only law enforcement will be able to access the emergency contact information once it has been entered into the database.

As part of a public awareness campaign, White's office has distributed information cards on the program to all law enforcement agencies and public libraries statewide. Residents without access to a computer are encouraged to visit their local public library.

Illinois is just the third state to establish an emergency contact database, joining Florida and Ohio. The legislation was sponsored by State Representative John D'Amico (D-Chicago) and State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forrest).

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