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CHIEF BLAIR ATTENDS PRESTIGIOUS DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROGRAM FOCUSED ON PROTECTING CAPE GIRARDEAU CHILDREN

Specialized course about resources available to Cape Girardeau Police Department teaches valuable tactics in protecting and saving children

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO, August 19, 2013 - Chief Wes Blair, Chief of Cape Girardeau Police Department has just completed the prestigious Missing Children Seminar for Chief Executives, hosted by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). This seminar, typically held at NCMEC headquarters just outside Washington, DC, was held as a pre-conference course in conjunction with the 25th annual Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference.

Police Chiefs, Sheriffs and 911 Emergency Managers were invited to attend the seminar held August 11, 2013 in Dallas, TX. Chief Blair joined 29 other law enforcement executives who attended the 145th session of the CEO course, and is now one of more than 5,000 who have completed this training.

The Missing Children Seminar for Chief Executives was designed to provide attendees like Chief Blair a better understanding of the issue of missing and sexually exploited children, how to specifically deal with the situation of a child who's been reported missing when time is critical, and how to access a multitude of resources available to assist in these cases. "To be invited to attend this training was an honor; to now be able to bring this knowledge home and put it into practice, is a plus for the citizens of Cape Girardeau," Chief Blair stated.

Motorola sponsored the course, paying all tuition costs as well as some travel expenses for the participants. Created in 1997, the CEO training discusses the needed steps in implementing best practices for call takers, responding officers, investigators, and Command Staff.

