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## **NEWS RELEASE** **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **KinderVision® Launches Law Enforcement Training in Washington, D.C.**

**October 21, 2004** At the request of law enforcement, KinderVision®, the nation's oldest and largest child safety program, has begun conducting law enforcement training on Child Abduction Child Homicide Case Investigations in conjunction with the Institute of Investigative Sciences. This three day multi-agency training provides case investigators with the most current tools available and the opportunity to network with other professionals in their field. The initial training was hosted by the Charles County Sheriff's Office and had attendees from 14 area law enforcement agencies. The training was hugely successful.

**"This course give new ideas for approaching homicide cases and gives good background to develop a plan for legitimate child abduction."**

**- Maryland State Police**

**"I have 18 years on the job and this was the best course I ever had. Five stars."**

**- Baltimore Police Department**

**"Very valuable content for managing crime scene investigations, specifically child abduction, sexual assault, and homicide investigations - the first training I've seen on child abduction cases. Keep up the great work."**

**- Montgomery Co. Police Department**

**"Great training - provides a new approach to investigative techniques - should be mandatory for child homicide investigators."**

**- Hartford Co. Sheriff's Office**

**"Before this class I was not confident of my department's ability to handle a child abduction. The knowledge of the instructors was invaluable. This should be a required course in The Police Academy."**

**- area law enforcement agency**

All participants "highly recommend" (absolutely - should be required) the training, which was funded in part by the KinderVision® Washington, D. C., benefactor Mattress Warehouse.

KinderVision® is a national child safety education program available in English or Spanish, based in Indiana, that began in 1991 in response to the kidnaping and murder of a little girl and is now in 45 states around the country. It is a **unique educational program** that provides valuable safety information to families in video form. The KinderVision® video contains an important message narrated by law enforcement which provides critical safety information for the protection of children. It is designed to be used as an ongoing educational **resource in the home** for parents to teach their children how to be safe when they are not with them. It enables parents to instruct their children on circumstances to avoid and to reinforce ways to protect their children from harm in a relaxed family setting. Through the use of child actors and the KinderVision® mascot, KindiBear, the educational segment demonstrates safety techniques and presents information in a way that small children can understand easily.

For more information, visit [www.kvkids.org](http://www.kvkids.org).