

Did You Know . . .

By Chief Mathew Workman
Vernonia Police Department



If you haven't had a chance to see our Vernonia Fall sports teams in action you have missed something. Between

all of the football, volleyball, cross-country, and youth soccer teams there has been some great action. More than that though, all of these teams exhibit great sportsmanship and have to be tops in the area for this quality. They also have great pride in their teams and support for the younger athletes. The VHS varsity volleyball team recently attended the 7th & 8th game where they showed enthusiastic support,

which was greatly appreciated by all of the girls.

The Vernonia Police Department will soon be participating in a wonderful program called "A Child Is Missing" alert (ACIM). ACIM is a privately sponsored, grant-funded organization that offers a mass-calling alert that can generate up to 1000 phone calls per minute to saturate a target area with vital information. ACIM provides a valuable tool to law

enforcement in the vital first hours of cases such as; lost, abducted, wander-offs, or run-aways, as well as missing elderly subjects, mentally challenged or disabled individuals.

The ACIM program will provide an invaluable tool to the VPD. Though we are fortunate enough to have less missing cases than other jurisdictions, we still have missing people cases on a regular basis. Several of the cases have necessi-

tated the activation of search and rescue teams and the use of numerous volunteers like the Vernonia CERT. Often times the key to missing people cases is an alert citizen who sees the missing subject or something out of place, then reports it to authorities. Obviously, the alert citizen would never be an alert citizen if they did not have any information or details about the missing person case. ACIM

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