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Governor Charlie Crist joined with Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Gerald Bailey and Florida's local, state and private partners to commemorate National AMBER Alert Awareness Day at the governor's new St. Petersburg office at USF St. Petersburg. The event was held to increase public awareness about AMBER Alerts and improve the recovery potential of endangered or abducted children.

Governor Crist recognized a North Carolina family for their role in the successful recovery of two children who went missing from Kissimmee on Dec. 29, 2006. On their way home to North Carolina after vacationing in Orlando, the McArdle family spotted a vehicle in South Carolina that matched the description they had seen earlier that day featured on an activated Florida Department of Transportation AMBER Alert road sign. The family quickly notified authorities and as a result, both children were safely recovered.

"The people of Florida play an important role in locating missing children in a timely manner so that they can be reunited with their families," said Governor Crist. "I am proud to live in a state where the citizens take care of each other and make the safety of children a high priority."

Florida was the second state in the nation to take the partnership for AMBER Alerts statewide. Since 2000, the AMBER Plan has expanded to include billboards, dynamic road signs and lottery machines. Citizens can sign up to receive AMBER Alert notifications via e-mail free of charge at www.missingchildrenalert.com.

The governor's new office is located in USF St. Petersburg's Bayboro Hall in the Regional Chancellor's Suite. It is estimated that he will be on campus once per month.

"We are honored that Governor Crist selected our campus as the location for his satellite office," said Karen White, regional chancellor. "It speaks volumes for our institution and our city. We are happy to provide him a work space that will make him feel at home."

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