

Sex offender e-mail alerts available

Missouri State Highway Patrol Superintendent Col. Ron Replogle on Oct. 22 announced a new e-mail alert system that allows the public to receive automatic notifications regarding registered sexual offenders living or working in their area.

The system, called the Sex Offender Community Notification Program, enhances the Patrol's Sex Offender Registry Web site. The program may be accessed by clicking on the "E-mail Alerts" icon on the Sex Offender Registry Web site, mshp.dps.missouri.gov/CJ38/search.jsp.

The new service allows anyone to sign up for e-mail notifications regarding changes in addresses or work locations of registered sexual offenders in their area. Users can sign up for two different types of e-mail notifications. In both cases, those signed up will receive e-mails within 24 hours of a change to a designated sex offender's address within the state registry.

There are two community notification

options:

- Notification by address, which allows users to enter up to five physical addresses to track. The user selects a radius around each address – from 500 feet up to five miles. If at any time a sexual offender registers a home, work or school address located within the user's selected radius, an e-mail notification will be sent alerting the user of the sex offender's new registration information.

- Notification by offender, which allows users to track a specific sexual offender regardless of the proximity of that offender to any given address. If this notification option is selected, the user will receive an alert e-mail any time the selected offender changes their registered home, work, or school address. Up to five separate sexual offenders may be tracked at any single time utilizing this option.

For more information about the program, call 1 (888) 767-6747 or visit MOSOR@mshp.dps.mo.gov.