

## **Next of Kin Registry (NOKR) Announces Addition to Executive Board**

*Next of Kin Registry Expanding Services for Missing Persons with New Addition to Executive Board*

**WASHINGTON - July 25, 2013 - [PRLog](#)** -- Washington, DC - NOKR is announcing Kym L. Pasqualini has joined the Executive Team as of June 24, 2013, to assist with the development of programs that will strengthen services to missing persons throughout the country. Kym will take the position of National Director for Missing Adults and NOKR Missing Child Liaison to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

Pasqualini has worked in the field of missing persons for twenty years and founder of the National Center for Missing Adults where she served as CEO from 1994 until she left the agency in 2010. During Hurricane Katrina, NOKR worked in conjunction with Pasqualini's former agency, resolving 99.8% of the 13,502 missing person reports received in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

During her tenure, Pasqualini has been responsible for the development of national support programs for families of missing persons, public awareness campaigns, legislation benefiting missing persons, and development of a national law enforcement training program all funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice.

Kym continues to work as a consultant and works with national media to raise awareness and featured on Anderson Cooper Live, Greta Van Susteren, Montel Williams, the John Walsh Show, CNN, BBC, FOX, People Magazine, Ladies Home Journal, and included in hundreds of news and print articles throughout the world.

NOKR as the Emergency Contact Registry receives phone calls daily from family members and individuals missing due to disabilities such as Alzheimer's disease and suspicious circumstances. According to the FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) there were 85,980 active missing person cases in NCIC as of June 29, 2013. In addition, there were 7,955 active cases of unidentified individuals in NCIC.

NOKR is the central repository and stores vital "emergency contact and medical information" for everyday emergencies, natural catastrophes, or man-made disasters. NOKR responds to these events by providing registered information to public trust agencies and coordinates real time information exchange between government entities, private sector non-profit agencies, and faith based organizations to help reunite the lost or injured with their families.

NOKR's President Mark Cerney said, "With Kym joining NOKR as the new Director for Missing Adults, we will be able to serve our nations missing by providing a louder voice to help raise awareness."

### **About NOKR**

Established in January 2004, The Next of Kin Registry (NOKR) is a humanitarian non-profit 501c3 dedicated to bridging rapid emergency contact information. NOKR is a 100% volunteer work force with volunteers in 87 countries. NOKR is listed as a resource on more than 92% of all State websites, the American Red Cross, International Committee for the Red Cross, Homeland Security Disasterhelp.gov, USA.gov, Ready FEMA, and other federal agencies, as a critical resource for daily emergencies. NOKR is also an official partner of Microsoft HealthVault. For more information, please contact NOKR Deputy Director Gerry DiStefano at (803) 319-3017 or Kym L. Pasqualini at (480) 466-0063. Visit NOKR's website at [www.nokr.org](http://www.nokr.org).

NOKR Staff Bios are available here <http://nokr.org/nok/restricted/staff.htm>

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