

April 8th Program- Attorney General Jack Conway- Internet Safety

As Kentucky's 49th Attorney General, Jack has followed through on his commitment to vigorously prosecute child predators and crack down on Internet crimes. In June 2008, Jack created a Cybercrimes Unit to investigate online solicitations of minors, scams and identity theft. The Cybercrimes Unit also processes digital evidence found on cell phones and computers – reducing the turnaround time for investigators. It is estimated that 80 percent of crimes now involve some sort of digital forensic evidence. The Cybercrimes Unit holds training for police and prosecutors across Kentucky in how to process and preserve that evidence. Attorney General Conway also visits schools in every corner of the Commonwealth to educate students, teachers and parents about how to safely use social-networking sites.

During the 2009 legislative session, General Conway crafted comprehensive cybersafety legislation that was unanimously passed by the Kentucky House and Senate. House Bill 315 brings Kentucky law up-to-date with changes in technology by banning registered sex offenders from using social-networking sites that are frequented by minors; creating the crimes of cyberstalking and phishing; granting the Office of the Attorney General administrative subpoena power to investigate child predator or cyberstalking cases; making it a crime to transmit sexual images via electronic networks; and allowing investigators to seize assets of criminals who try to prey on Kentucky kids. The bill will become law on July 1, 2009.

General Conway, the Kentucky Department of Education and Kentucky Child Now have partnered together to educate and inform youth and adults on the dangers of the internet. Assemblies and training institutes will be offered throughout the year. Our goal is to get to more parents so they know what is happening on the computer. We need to get into businesses and educate employees on this. It has become a crisis for safety of our children.