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The eyes say it all. That's what the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office is depending on. Bobby Robinson with CPSO says, "The iris recognition is really the most advanced technology that's out there as far as identifying people and getting positive recognitions on."

Calcasieu has become the first sheriff's office in the state and 15th in the nation to install the child project system -- iris recognition biometric technology-- to identify and locate missing children and adults. Sean Mullin with the Child Project says, "The iris is the most unique feature we know about on the human body. Unlike other techniques like DNA or fingerprint, the person doesn't need to touch anything or give anything up. They simply look into a digital camera like they're getting their photograph taken."

The camera takes a snapshot of eye and digitizes the unique features in the iris and files that and your personal information in a database. Once you're in the system, it's easy to pull up your information. All you have to do is look into the camera and within seconds your picture will pop up.

Louis Hebert with the sheriff's office says this technology could have helped reunite the hundreds of New Orleans children separated from their parents after hurricane Katrina. Hebert says, "If it would have been in place in New Orleans, it would have been easier to identify the children and possibly get them back to their families."

Iris recognition only works on live people. The program will not only help identify missing or runaway children, but also adults who have Alzheimer's or dementia. The child project is a voluntary program. The database will be hosted by the Nation's Missing Children Organization and National Center for Missing Adults headquartered in Arizona.

To have your child or group registered in the system, call the sheriff's office at 437-7927.