

OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2017

Ohio Department of Public Safety
1970 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee Chairman, Captain Kenneth Kocab, called to order the July 25, 2017 meeting of the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee at approximately 10:05 a.m. The first order of business was the roll call taken by Lindy Davis, OSHP.

I. ROLL CALL - PRESENT

Department of Public Safety, Ohio State Highway Patrol	Captain Kenneth Kocab
Ohio Attorney General's Office, Missing Persons Unit	Brent Currence
Local/Regional AMBER Plan, Mid-Ohio AMBER Alert	Clark Donley
Community Member	Harry Trombitas
Ohio Emergency Management Agency	Ronald (Dave) Ford
Buckeye State Sheriff's Association	Sheriff Ronald Myers
Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police	Chief Clayton Harris
Ohio Department of Transportation	Leslie Bricker
State Emergency Communications Committee	Paul Jellison
Ohio Association of Broadcasters	Christine Merritt
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Special Agent Kristin Cadieux
Victim's Advocate	Kathryn (Ryn) Farmer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ohio State Highway Patrol	Lindy Davis
Ohio State Highway Patrol	DM Lydia Frey
Ohio 911 Program Office	Rob Jackson
Ohio 911 Program Office	Nick Levin
Ohio 911 Program Office	Melissa Wullinger

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

Captain Kocab welcomed new committee member Kathryn (Ryn) Farmer to the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee.

II. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 25, 2017 & APRIL 25, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Captain Kocab asked the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee to review the minutes. Sheriff Myers made the motion to adopt, Chief Harris seconded. Motion carried by all.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of AMBER Alerts

Captain Kocab indicated there were three (3) AMBER Alerts for the reporting period. He gave a brief overview of each. All children were recovered safe.

B. Review of Blue Alerts

Captain Kocab indicated there was zero (0) Blue Alerts for the reporting period. He shared Lindy Davis and himself audited the Blue Alerts as a result of recent media inquiries after the Newcomerstown alert. Captain Kocab shared there were three (3) Blue Alert activations and this included the falsified report out of Newcomerstown.

C. Review of Endangered Missing Child Alerts

Brent Currence indicated there were eleven (11) Endangered Missing Child Alerts to date for 2017. All children were recovered safe, with the exception of one (1) child, who was found deceased. Brent Currence gave a brief overview of the alert.

D. Review of Endangered Missing Adult Alerts

There were forty-two (42) Endangered Missing Adult Alerts to date for 2017. Brent Currence indicated all adults were recovered safe. He shared since inception, 1,233 alerts have been issued.

Christine Merritt asked if all forty-two (42) alerts have been resolved. Brent Currence indicated they have and shared three (3) adults are still actively missing from prior years.

E. Airport/Public Transit Update

Captain Kocab provided an update with the airport and how he wants the process to be implemented once the IT issues are all worked out.

F. AMBER Website Update

Captain Kocab shared the AMBER website has been reviewed and changes/updates were submitted to DPS-IT on January 10. The changes should be in place by the end of the month. Font colors were modified due to a request from a broadcaster.

G. Training Update

Captain Kocab provided an update on the alert training completed since the last quarterly meeting. Training was provided to the Norton Fire Department on November 29 and to the Bexley Police Department (community group) on January 19 by Captain Kocab, Brent Currence, and DM Lydia Frey. Both training sessions were well received. Going forward, the Mansfield Police Department and the City of Franklin have training scheduled. Completed training in Massillon on July 20. Going to a Chief's Meeting in Montveille in July 26, 2017 to discuss the AMBER Alert process. AMBER Alert conference – August 17, Avon Lake August 28 and Williams County – September 28.

H. Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee Appointments

Captain Kocab had committee member appointment certificates. A copy of certificate will be kept with us in case they are needed. Two pending.

I. 2017 Ohio Alerts Conference Update

Captain Kocab shared the 2017 Ohio Alerts Conference is scheduled for August 17 at the Columbus Police Academy. He provided a review of the draft agenda and indicated the next conference planning meeting is scheduled for March 10. Captain Kocab extended an invitation to the committee. 109 registered. Indiana and Canada attending. Fox Valley sending a representative.

Lindy Davis inquired with Kristin Cadieux if confirmation was received for the FBI Case Studies presenter. She indicated the presenter has been confirmed and gave an overview of the planned case study presentation.

Lunch – City Barbeque

J. Chairperson Memorandum

Cannot appoint a sub chairperson because it's a governor appointment. Will hold a meeting and the committee members would pick someone from the group to chair the meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017 State Fair

Rob Jackson, Ohio 911 Office discussed the logistics for the fair booth.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. was made by Harry Trombitas, seconded by Leslie Bricker. Motion carried by all.


Captain Kenneth Kocab, Chairperson

10-24-2017
Date