

OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2018

Ohio Department of Public Safety
1970 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223 – Room 1106

Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee Chairman, Captain Kenneth Kocab, called to order the 24th April 2018 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 Lydia Frey, OSHP.

I. ROLL CALL - PRESENT

Department of Public Safety, Ohio State Highway Patrol
Local/Regional AMBER Plan, Mid-Ohio AMBER Alert
Community Member
Ohio Department of Transportation
State Emergency Communications Committee
Ohio Association of Broadcasters
Ohio Attorney General's Office, Missing Persons Unit
Buckeye State Sheriff's Association
Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police
Victim's Advocate
Ronald (Dave) Ford

Captain Kenneth Kocab
Clark Donley
Harry Trombitas
Leslie Prater
Paul Jellison
Christine Merritt
Brent Currence
Sheriff Ronald Myers
Chief Clayton Harris
Kathryn (Ryn) Farmer
Vacation

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ohio State Highway Patrol
Ohio State Highway Patrol
Sergeant Steve Sabers
Teresa Teeple
Pamela S. Sullivan

Staff Lieutenant Craig Cvetan
Dispatch Manager Lydia Frey
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
Ohio Department of Aging
OSHP Retiree Association

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Kristin Cadieux (Arrived at 10:08 a.m.)

II. APPROVAL OF THE January 16, 2018 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 two (2) AMBER Alerts for the reporting period. He gave a brief overview of the alerts and noted the "WEA" played a part in the recovery of the children. Harry Trombitas asked if the tipsters were recognized for their part on the recovery of the children. One individual had been recognized at a past Ohio Alerts Conference. This will be

looked at again for the future. Christine Merritt asked if a report could be generated on the number of calls that come into the tip line for AMBER and Missing Adult Alerts. Lydia Frey will contact Todd Wallace for the information.

B. Review of Blue Alerts

Captain Kocab indicated there were zero (0) Blue Alerts for the reporting period.

C. Review of Endangered Missing Child Alerts

Brent Currence provided a review of the Endangered Missing Child Alerts to date for 2018.

Three (3) children were reported missing with one found deceased. An overview was provided on the alerts. Project Lifesaver was discussed with the group. Sheriff Myers is looking into this for his agency.

D. Review of Endangered Missing Adult Alerts

Brent Currence provided a review of the Endangered Missing Adult Alerts to date for 2018.

There were thirty two (32) Endangered Missing Adult Alerts for this reporting period. One is still missing and all others were found safe. Life of the program – 1327 Missing Adults.

E. AMBER Website Update

Captain Kocab and Staff Lieutenant Cvetan have added the stats on the website. This was a recommendation made by Clark Donley.

F. Training Update

Captain Kocab provided an update on the training since the last quarterly meeting. Staff Lieutenant Cvetan and Lydia provided training to students at Whitmer High School in Toledo, Ohio. A student is doing a report on AMBER Alerts. Brent Currence, Staff Lieutenant Cvetan and Lydia will be providing training to BSSA dispatchers on September 19, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio. Brent is still working with Fox Valley regarding their training with dispatchers. He is trying to set up a conference call for next week. Captain Kocab noted training requests are low this year. Captain Kocab suggested the training information be placed in the Spring LEADS Newsletter and also the 2018 LEADS TAC In-Services coming up in May. Lydia will make contact with John Moore at LEADS.

*** Huron County SO/Athens PD, Fox Valley

G. 2018 Ohio Alerts Conference

Brent will set up a meeting with the committee sometime next week.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Captain Kocab discussed an AMBER Alert communications email he received from Brent Currence. This email was from an individual who had concerns on receiving information on AMBER Alerts from the broadcasters. Main concern was receiving information while driving. Discussion was held with the committee on this topic. Captain Kocab asked for Christine Merritt and Clark Donley to reach out to their organizations and request broadcasters to slow down and repeat AMBER Alert information when possible.

Staffing with the Ohio 911 Office for the 2018 State Fair Booth was discussed. Lydia will work with the Ohio 911 Office regarding setting up the assignments.

Sheriff Myers asked about the airport project. Captain Kocab said the Port Columbus Airport project is complete. They have everything they need to display an alert when they receive it at their facility. Discussion was held on working with the other airports in Ohio. Captain Kocab suggested he and Chief Harris meet with officials at Cleveland Hopkins. Sheriff Myers asked if they could meet with officials from Canton-Akron Airport after meeting with Cleveland.

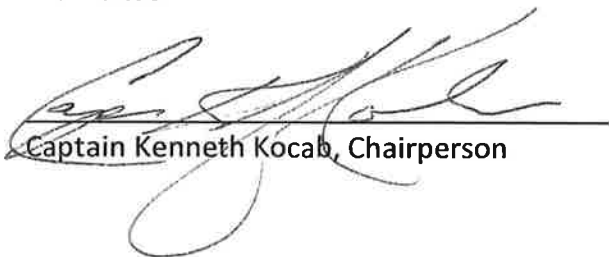
Teresa Teeple from the Ohio Department of Aging and Pamela S. Sullivan from the OSHP Retiree Association introduced themselves. Interested in learning more about the committee and our programs.

Harry Trombitas asked about putting LPR's on ODOT billboards for AMBER Alerts. Discussion was held on how they are used by OSP and other agencies. Purchasing of equipment was also discussed.

Sergeant Steve Sabers from Hamilton County Sheriff's Office introduced himself. Attended meeting to learn more about the program.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. was made by Sheriff Myers seconded by Harry Trombitas.



Captain Kenneth Kocab, Chairperson



Date