

# OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2019

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 23<sup>rd</sup> Of April 2019 meeting of the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee at approximately 10:04 a.m. The first order of business was the roll call taken by Lydia Frey, OSHP.

## I. ROLL CALL - PRESENT

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| Department of Public Safety, Ohio State Highway Patrol | Captain Kenneth Kocab    |
| Local/Regional AMBER Plan, Mid-Ohio AMBER Alert        | Clark Donley             |
| Ohio Department of Transportation                      | Leslie Prater            |
| Ohio Association of Broadcasters                       | Christine Merritt        |
| Ohio Department of Aging                               | Grace Moran              |
| Ohio Attorney General's Office                         | Brent Currence - Absent  |
| Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police                   | Chief Clayton Harris     |
| State Emergency Communications Committee               | Paul Jellison            |
| Victim's Advocate                                      | Kathryn (Ryn) Farmer     |
| Federal Bureau of Investigations                       | Kristin Cadieux - Absent |
| Buckeye State Sheriff's Association                    | Sheriff Ronald Myers     |
| Ohio Emergency Management                              | Brian Casner             |
| Community Member                                       | Harry Trombitas          |

## OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ohio State Highway Patrol | Dispatch Manager Lydia Frey   |
| Ohio State Highway Patrol | Staff Lieutenant Craig Cvetan |
| Ohio State Highway Patrol | Gretchen Lopez-Martinez       |
| Ohio 9-1-1                | Rob Jackson                   |

## II. APPROVAL OF THE October 23, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

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

## III. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Review of AMBER Alerts

Captain Kocab indicated there was one (1) AMBER Alert for the reporting period. There was one (1) alert for 2019. Captain Kocab gave an overview; this alert was out of the Miamisburg Police Department.

There was an AMBER alert issued on April 18, 2019. The committee will receive an overview during the next meeting.

B. Review of Blue Alerts

No Blue Alerts to review.

C. Review of Endangered Missing Child Alerts

We had two (2) endangered child alerts listed for this quarter. One on January 17, 2019, and one on February 26, 2019. Brent can report on these alerts during our next meeting.

D. Review of Endangered Missing Adult Alerts

For 2019, 28 alerts through March 29, 2019. Brent can review during the next quarterly meeting.

Training Update

Lydia and S/Lt. Cvetan attended the NENA APCO OHIO conference on April 17, 2019, at Kalahari. They presented a portion of AMBER Alert during the conference and it went very well.

Hamilton County Communications is trying to revamp their policy on AMBER alerts and have reached out to Lydia and S/Lt. Cvetan for training.

Captain Kocab and Brent Currence attended the National AMBER Alert Conference April 15-19, 2019. Almost every state was represented by their clearing house representative and their AMBER alert coordinator. We met with our region to discuss our state and other states in our region. Clearinghouse managers and AMBER alert coordinators are trying to come together with one federal online system, every state has a different system, software and uses different vendors. One of the challenges that we face is when the information comes out how do we share the information without having to reenter everything and how we could speed this process. Another challenge is that everyone has different, names and criteria for their alerts. We are trying to put a group together that represents different regions and start some core work like a request for proposal and finding someone that will move this forward on a federal level.

E. 2019 Ohio Alerts Conference

Capt. Kocab gave an update on the planning process. Kristin reached out to an FBI agent from Wisconsin regarding possibly presenting a case at our conference this year. We will set a date together with the committee soon.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

The governor's appointments should be complete. Everyone received his or her documents at home.

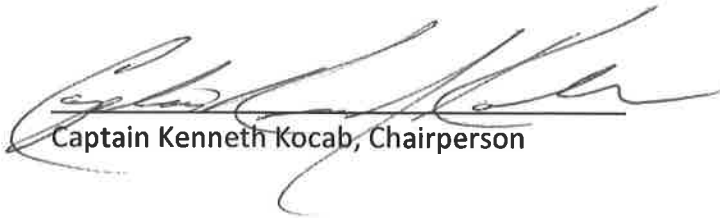
Cuyahoga County Communications Center coordinates the AMBER Alerts for the East Central and Lakeshore region. It was brought to our attention that they reached out to a county outside of their region, to handle their alerts. Capt. Kocab will plan a visit to get some insight about why they want to offer this service outside their region and bring up some of the concerns from the past.

Chief Harris volunteered to start the conversation in Portage County and facilitate that conversation with the committee.

The committee had a discussion about Endangered Missing Adult alerts that may generate from a nursing home.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. was made by Clark Conley seconded by Harry Trombitas.



Captain Kenneth Kocab, Chairperson

7-23-2019  
Date