

OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 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 23rd of July 2019 meeting of the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee at approximately 10:01 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	Captain Kenneth Kocab
Local/Regional AMBER Plan, Mid-Ohio AMBER Alert	Clark Donley
Ohio Department of Transportation	Leslie Prater- Absent
Ohio Association of Broadcasters	Christine Merritt- Absent
Ohio Department of Aging	Grace Moran
Ohio Attorney General's Office	Brent Currence
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

Ohio State Highway Patrol	Dispatch Manager Lydia Frey
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Laura Windbigler
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Gretchen Lopez-Martinez

II. APPROVAL OF THE April 23, 2019, 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 was one (1) AMBER Alerts for the reporting period. Two for the year. The last one was issued on April 18, 2019. This alert involved a 2-month-old boy abducted by his non-custodial father. Captain Kocab gave an overview of this alert. Warren Police Department reached out to Lydia requesting training because their personnel is not familiar with the process.

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 the last meeting. One was from the Delaware County Sheriff's Office for two teenage females. Delaware Sheriff's Office activated the CART and the girls were recovered quickly. The other one came from the Springfield Police Department February 26, 2019, two missing kids. The non-custodial mom took the kids from daycare. The kids were recovered safely two days later. The endangered missing child alert for reported for this meeting was issued by Milford Police Department, for a pregnant 16 y/o female believed to be with her boyfriend. She was located safely.

D. Review of Endangered Missing Adult Alerts

We have issued 46 alerts for the last quarter. There were two alerts that the person was found deceased.

The committee discussed ideas on how to encourage our loved ones to carry their cellphones, turned on and with the location feature activated. Captain Kocab is going to reach out to the Director's Office, as well as the DPS and OSP PIO's Office.

E. Alerts training update:

On June 14, 2019, S/Lt. Ron Raines, S/Lt. Cvetan, Lydia and Brent Currence provided training at the Southwest Summit North Communications in Northwest Ohio. They had dispatchers and sworn officers, and 3 or 4 different agencies in attendance. July 11, 2019, S/Lt. Ron Raines, Lydia and Brent Currence went to Fostoria; this training was mostly dispatchers, the training went well.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 2019 Ohio Alert Conference
 - Last year's date was not the best due to other major conferences around the same date. Maybe we should revisit hosting the conference in fall or January.
 - Brent will gather a subcommittee to discuss possible dates and ideas.
- New business from committee members

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. was made by Sheriff Myers seconded by Clark Conley.


Captain Kenneth Kocab, Chairperson

10-22-2019
Date