**OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**TEAMS Live Event Meeting**

**2855 W. Dublin-Granville Rd**

**Columbus, Ohio 43235**

**July 13, 2021**

Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee member, Brent Currence, called to order the July 13, 2021 meeting of the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee at approximately 10:10 am. The first order of business was the roll call taken by S/Lt. Raines, OSHP.

1. **ROLL CALL - PRESENT**

**IN-PERSON**

Ohio Attorney General’s OfficeBrent Currence

Local/Regional AMBER Plan, Mid-Ohio AMBER Alert Clark Donley

Community Member Harry Trombitas

Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police Chief Clayton Harris

**TEAMS**

Ohio Department of Transportation Leslie Prater

Ohio Emergency Management Brian Castner

Ohio Department of Aging Teresa Teeple

Buckeye State Sheriff’s Association Sheriff Ronlad Myers

State Emergency Communications Committee Paul Jellison

Federal Bureau of Investigations SSA Kristin Beggs

**ROLL CALL – ABSENT**

Ohio State Highway Patrol Captain Matthew Warren

Ohio Association of Broadcasters Christine Merritt

Victim’s Advocate Kathryn (Ryn) Farmer

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**IN-PERSON**

Ohio State Highway Patrol Staff Lieutenant Ron Raines

Ohio State Highway Patrol Lieutenant Merrill Thompson

Ohio State Highway Patrol Stacy Capehart

911 Dispatcher Rob Jackson

**TEAMS**

Marion County Sheriff Office Lydia Frey

Lake Township Police Department Ron Craig

**II. APPROVAL OF THE April 20, 2021, MEETING MINUTES**

Brent Currence asked the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee to review the minutes. Mr. Currence asked the minutes be amended to add Sheriff Ronald Myers to present. Mr. Clark Donley made the motion to adopt. Mr. Harry Trombitas seconded. Motion carried by all.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Review of AMBER Alerts

Staff Lieutenant (S/Lt.) Raines indicated there were third (3) for the second quarter and one (1) for the third quarter. He gave a brief overview of each. Mr. Donley asked regarding the third amber alert; what happen to Grandma? S/Lt. Raines stated the grandma was committed to the hospital for evaluations.

1. Review of Blue Alerts

No Blue Alerts to review.

1. Review of Endangered Missing Child Alerts

Mr. Currence indicated there was one endangered child alert for the second quarter of 2021.

1. Review of Endangered Missing Adult Alerts

Mr. Currence indicated an endangered missing adult report on April 10, 2021, and May 12, 2021, and all were found safe.

1. Alerts Training update:

S/Lt. Raines stated there was two (2) Alerts Training in the 2nd quarter.

On June 30, 2021, Summit county had two sessions with 23 people each session. A total of 46 people were trained.

The 2021 Alerts Conference save the date flyer was showing a date of August 12th. The topic was someone thought it was the 13th. The virtual conference will be on the 12th from 8:30 am to 12 pm on ZOOM. Before the conference, we will work with the presenters. Registration will be on the Attorney General site, and everyone can go online to the registrar. S/Lt. Raines stated that he would add a hyperlink on the site for everyone to register. There will be an evaluation after the conference to see how everything went.

Mr. Trombitas made a motion to approve the flyer, and Mr. Donley seconded. Motion carried by all.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Brian Castner stated there would be an IPAWS test on August 11, 2021. It shows how to opt-in for future testing. A survey will be going out, and they would like to hear from everyone who uses the system and would appreciate the Committee participating. They would like to get a wide range of users over the state. It is not tracking anyone's personal information. Mr. Donley wanted to make sure that Ms. Christine Merritt will be on the list of receiving per she can get it out to several people.

Mr. Currence stated that Mr. Rodabacker wanted to know if we could get this out on Facebook. S/Lt. Raines asked Ms. Lydia Frey if she knew if that would be able to work. Mr. Currence stated he could contact Karly to see if she could give any answers.

The new training flyers were reviewed and approved. Mr. Trombitas made the motion to approve. Mr. Donley seconded the motion. Motion carried by all.

Mr. Currence stated that Captain Warren asked if someone from the Committee could take over as Chair since he will be retiring in 2022 and unable to attend on occasion.

Mr. Donely made the motion for Mr. Currence to be appointed as Chair for the Committee. Mr. Trombitas seconded the motion. Motion carried by all.

**V. COMMENTS**

Mr. Rob Jackson stated there would be a conference at the end of July and have discounted day passes for State agencies. To sign-up, please go to the ENEA website. The 911 conference will be on September 24, 2021. If any committee members would like to come and present a 15-30 minute presentation on their program, please let Mr. Jackson know. He would like to get the flyers regarding the conferences distributed to all dispatchers soon.

Mr. Ron Craig stated he would like to take on a project of seven truck stop in the township. He was looking to get a locked window display of all the missing children in each truck stop. He is looking to get donations to help fund this project. Mr. Paul Jellison mentioned that some of the truck stops already have signboards that may allow you to display the posters. Mr. Currence stated that some Lions Clubs or other civic organizations might be willing to help out with donations. Mr. Jackson stated that it's a small township and not a lot of programs to help out.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 am was made by Mr. Trombitas and seconded by Mr. Myers. Motion carried by all.



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Brent Currence, Chairperson Date