

OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Live In-Person Meeting

1970 W. Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43223

October 12, 2021

Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee member, Brent Currence, called to order the October 12, 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.

I. ROLL CALL - PRESENT

IN-PERSON

Ohio Attorney General's Office

Local/Regional AMBER Plan, Mid-Ohio AMBER Alert

Community Member

Ohio Emergency Management

Buckeye State Sheriff's Association

State Emergency Communications Committee

Ohio Association of Broadcasters

Brent Currence

Clark Donley

Harry Trombitas

Brian Castner

Sheriff Ronald Myers

Paul Jellison

Christine Merritt

ROLL CALL – ABSENT

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Victim's Advocate

Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

Ohio Department of Transportation

Ohio Department of Aging

Federal Bureau of Investigations

Captain Matthew Warren

Kathryn (Ryn) Farmer

Chief Clayton Harris

Leslie Prater

Teresa Teeple

SSA Kristin Beggs

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Marion County Sheriff's Office

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Ohio 9-1-1 Administrator

Staff Lieutenant Ron Raines

Captain Lydia Frey

Pam Walker

Rob Jackson

II. APPROVAL OF THE July 13 2021, MEETING MINUTES

Brent Currence asked the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee to review the minutes. Mr. Harry Trombitas made the motion to adopt. Mr. Clark Donley seconded. Motion carried by all.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of AMBER Alerts:

Staff Lieutenant (S/Lt.) Raines indicated there were five (5) for the third quarter. He gave a brief overview of each. No suggestions for efficiency or effectiveness of activations were received.

Open discussion occurred regarding the Amber Alert criteria, Ohio being a "home-rule state" and the fact the O.R.C. permits specific regions to have amended criteria for activations that may differ from the state criteria.

B. Review of Blue Alerts:

S/Lt. Raines indicated there was one (1) Blue Alert, which was reviewed. During the activation, dispatchers were unable to amend specific verbiage on the email template which stated, "Be on the lookout for a missing or abducted officer." The activation involved an officer shot by a suspect who fled the scene, rather than a missing or abducted officer. Mr. Brent Currence is making the appropriate contacts to ensure the verbiage can be manipulated in the future.

C. Review of Endangered Missing Child Alerts:

Mr. Currence indicated there were two (2) Endangered Child Alerts for the third quarter of 2021.

D. Review of Endangered Missing Adult Alerts:

Mr. Currence indicated there were 25 Endangered Missing Adult Alerts for the third quarter of 2021.

E. Alerts Training update:

S/Lt. Raines stated there was one (1) Alerts Training in the third quarter. On September 16, 2021, 12 employees of the Johnstown Police Department were trained.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

S/Lt. Raines advised all future meetings will be held in person with quorum for voting. The Committee decided to hold all future quarterly committee meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month for 2022. This is pending input from committee members that were absent. S/Lt. Raines will email them to determine availability. The tentative dates for 2022 will be: January 26th, April 27th, July 27th, and October 26th.

V. COMMENTS

Mr. Rob Jackson commented on the HB445 regarding 911 and how they propose to fund it. Frontier is making improvements to the technology. He will send additional information to Mr. Currence.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Currence and seconded by Ms. Merritt.



Brent Currence, Chairperson

1/20/22

Date