

OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Live In-Person Meeting

1970 W. Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43223

January 20, 2022

Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee member, Brent Currence, called to order the January 20, 2022 meeting of the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee at approximately 10:00 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

Ohio Association of Broadcasters

Local/Regional AMBER Plan, Mid-Ohio AMBER Alert
Community Member

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Buckeye State Sheriff's Association

Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

Ohio Emergency Management

Ohio Department of Aging

Brent Currence

Christine Merritt

Clark Donley

Harry Trombitas

SSA Kristin Beggs

Sheriff Ronald Myers

Chief Clayton Harris

Brian Castner

Teresa Teeple

ROLL CALL – ABSENT

Victim's Advocate

State Emergency Communications Committee

Ohio Department of Transportation

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Kathryn (Ryn) Farmer

Paul Jellison

Leslie Prater

Captain Matthew Warren

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Marion County Sheriff's Office

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Ohio State Highway Patrol Dispatch Manager

Staff Lieutenant Ron Raines

Captain Lydia Frey

Pam Walker

Matt Stegner

II. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Brent Currence asked the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee to review the minutes. Motion was made to accept _____. Christine Merritt seconded. Motion carried by all.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of AMBER Alerts:

Staff Lieutenant (S/Lt.) Raines introduced Dispatch Manager Matt Stegner to the group. There were four (4) AMBER Alerts for the fourth quarter. He gave a brief overview of each.

Question was presented by Mr. Donley regarding if the date and time were recorded in the AMBER Alert. Brent Currence advised the software does enter the date & time activated and cancelled.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding Alert #4 and criteria for AMBER Alert (which the alert from the JTPD did not meet).

Another discussion regarding the IPAWS was also discussed. There was an equipment failure on-site. When troubleshooting they discovered the amplifier was out. Mr. Castner explained the problems with IPAWS to the group. The text-to-speech quality is very poor.

S/Lt. Raines asked, "Does the committee not want the text-to-speech?" Lengthy discuss held.

B. Review of Blue Alerts:

There were no Blue Alerts during the fourth quarter.

C. Review of Endangered Missing Child Alerts:

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

D. Review of Endangered Missing Adult Alerts:

Mr. Currence indicated there were forty-seven (47) Endangered Missing Adult Alerts for the third quarter of 2021. Twenty (20) of those alerts were denied. Per year, there are about 50-60 missing persons found deceased in Ohio.

E. Alerts Training update:

Sheriff Myers indicated there were no Alerts Trainings held in the fourth quarter. Hopefully training will pick up after COVID.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2022 Conference?

S/Lt. Raines asked if some of the duties with the Alerts could be taken over by another agency. He will send out a more detailed description of such duties that aren't specific to OSHP.

V. COMMENTS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sheriff Myers and seconded by S/Lt. Raines.



Brent Currence, Chairperson



Date