

OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 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 22th January 2019 meeting of the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee at approximately 10:00 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
Ohio Association of Broadcasters	Christine Merritt
Ohio Department of Aging	Grace Moran
Ohio Attorney General's Office	Brent Currence
Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police	Chief Clayton Harris
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Special Agent Kristin Cadieux
State Emergency Communications Committee	Paul Jellison
Victim's Advocate	Kathryn (Ryn) Farmer
Federal Bureau of Investigations	Kristin Cadieux
Buckeye State Sheriff's Association	Sheriff Ronald Myers
<i>Ronald (Dave) Ford-absent</i>	
<i>Harry Trombitas-absent</i>	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ohio State Highway Patrol	Dispatch Manager Lydia Frey
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Laura Windbigler
Grove City Police Department	Kelly Davidson

II. APPROVAL OF THE October 23, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Captain Kocab asked the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee to review the minutes. Christine Merritt made the motion to adopt. Clark Donley seconded. Motion carried by all.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of AMBER Alerts

Captain Kocab indicated there were zero (0) AMBER Alerts for the reporting period. There were a total of ten (10) alerts for 2018. This total does not include local AMBER alerts that are issued but do not meet state criteria.

Further discussion of AMBER alerts tracked by the state versus the national center.

B. Review of Blue Alerts

No Blue Alerts to review.

C. Review of Endangered Missing Child Alerts

We had four (4) endangered child alerts since the last meeting. For 2018 we have a total of eleven (11). Brent Currence gave an overview of the last 4 alerts. All dealt with non-custodial parents that lost custody of their children. A lot of them are drug or mental health issues; seems to be a trend. In all the cases the children were found safe.

D. Review of Endangered Missing Adult Alerts

For 2018, 163 alerts issued, 4 found deceased. Three were adults, one was a female. All over the age of 65. For the first couple of weeks of the year one was found deceased.

Training Update

Captain Kocab gave an overview of the AMBER Alert trainings provided for 2018. In total 16 training sessions and approximately, under 500 people trained. This is an increased form 2017. Capt. Kocab commended Brent, Lydia and S/Lt. Cvetan.

E. 2018 Ohio Alerts Conference

Capt. Kocab provided the committee with copies of the Ohio Alerts attendee surveys. The committee agreed that the case study session was a crowd favorite.

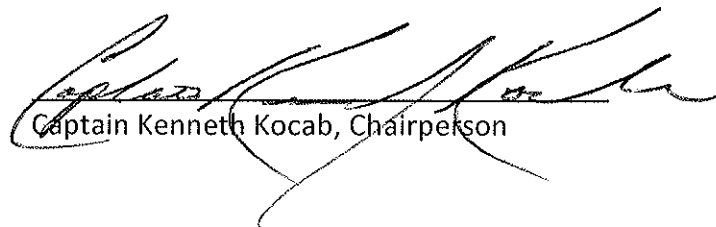
The committee discussed some of recurrent feedback like providing a working lunch, because we have attendees the leave before the last session. Further discussion on the surveys.

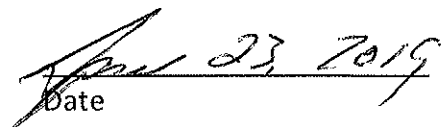
IV. NEW BUSINESS

All appointments are up in February 2019. Please fill out a new application and submit for your appointment. Lydia will email the link to the committee and once you complete the application, we will submit through the director's office.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. was made by Sheriff Ronald Myers seconded by Paul Jellison.


Captain Kenneth Kocab, Chairperson


Date