

Hamden Police Department

General Orders

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Section: Juvenile Matters

Rescinds:

Title: CT Amber Alert Plan

Approved By:

Approval Date:

PURPOSE

To establish methods and procedures for members of the department to follow in handling juvenile matters.

POLICY

To provide law enforcement agencies within the State of Connecticut with a system by which EAS can be activated for life threatening situations involving non-custodial abduction of children, under the age of 16. Participation in the Amber Alert Plan is voluntary however the utilization of this plan will provide for maximum public participation to provide rapid response in the event of child abduction.

Procedures

A. Activation Criteria.

1. The child must be under 18 years of age, however, other consideration must be given on a case-by-case basis.
2. The child must be in danger of serious bodily harm or death.
3. There must be enough descriptive information to believe a broadcast will help.
4. Law enforcement and broadcasters have agreed that the plan will not be used for runaways, throwaways or child custody situations.

B. Steps for Activation.

1. Upon report of a probable abduction and the initial investigation meets the above criteria, supervisor shall notify the Connecticut State Police Message Center by telephone or COLLECT (file 6) to activate the alert. If the information is insufficient, the Department will be contacted for any clarification in case of errors or criteria questions.

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2. The Amber Alert Request form (G3) shall be faxed to CSP.
3. Once the information is received by the Message Center and there is sufficient information, the EAS alert will be activated according to preliminary investigative information. Message Center personnel will refer calls to the respective Public Information Officer and the Amber Alert Message will be sent to law enforcement agencies via COLLECT. The alert will be activated for the geographical area(s) in which it will be most effective. The CSP Message Center personnel will prepare the Broadcast Script (G2).
4. Upon transmission, the investigating agency will fax news releases to the Associated Press and Metro News. (Until FCC establishes a specific code, the Amber-type plans event code; "CEM" (civil emergency message) will be used.
5. The CSP Message Center will refer calls to the appropriate Public Information Officer of the recovery of the child.

C. De-Activation.

1. When a child has been located via COLLECT, the department will notify the CSP Message Center.
2. The Department will be responsible to notify and cancel individual media entities.

Any flagrant or repeated misuse of the Amber Alert Plan may result in suspension of EAS privileges.

D. Contact Numbers.

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| 1. Connecticut State Police Message Center Phone | 800-842-0200 |
| Fax 860-685-8346. | |
| 2. Metro News, Hartford Fax | 860-616-1988 |
| 3. Associated Press, Hartford Fax | 860-272-4003 |