

**Lower Providence Township Police Department
Eagleville, Pennsylvania**

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Personnel Order ☐

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Subject

Amber Alert Plan

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this general order is to establish responsibilities and guidelines for the Amber Alert Plan.

II. POLICY

The Amber Alert Plan is designed to assist with the investigation of child abduction. The program utilizes the Emergency Alert System (EAS) to inform the public of an abduction. The alert contains descriptive information about the child and the perpetrator, if known, in the hope of enlisting public support in the search efforts. The goal is to save the life of the child.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Activation Criteria

1. Law enforcement and the media have worked together to establish the activation criteria. The Criteria has been established so that the plan would only be used in appropriate cases. The media and the public must understand the time constraints law enforcement encounter when a child is reported missing. Therefore, for the plan to be activated, the following strict criteria must be met:
 - a. the abducted child must be under eighteen (18) years of age;
 - b. the abducted child is believed to be in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury.
 - c. additional factors may be considered in the decision-making process as to whether

or not to activate the Amber Alert Plan. These factors include, but are not limited to, availability of descriptive information which could assist in the recovery of the child, time elapsed since the child was last seen, and the reliability of witness(es).

2. The plan is limited to "abducted" children, and, therefore, excludes children believed to be runaways or those who have been excluded from the home by their parents.

B. Activation Process

1. Police receive information of an abduction and initiate an investigation.
2. The ranking, on-duty Patrol Supervisor will ensure the activation of the Amber Alert following the established notification procedures listed below:
 - a. Upon confirmation of an abduction meeting the above noted criteria, the Montgomery County Communications Center shall be direct to:
 - (1) Enter the Missing Person Involuntary entry field through the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (C.L.E.A.N.) computer.
 - (2) The box ABN will be left blank
 - (3) The box ABR will be marked with Y for yes which will activate Amber Alert.
 - (4) Notify the Pennsylvania State Police by telephone of the Amber Alert request.
 - b. The Pennsylvania State Police will issue a statewide alert message to all law enforcement in Pennsylvania through C.L.E.A.N. to notify them of the abduction.
 - c. The Emergency Alert System will then be activated by the Pennsylvania State Police to notify citizens of any and all pertinent information regarding the abduction.
 - d. The Pennsylvania State Police will post the abduction information to the Web Site (www.amber.state.pa.us/amber/site/default.asp) and a news wire service.
3. The Chief of Police, Lieutenant and Detective Sergeant will be notified immediately of the activation of the Amber Alert Plan in accordance with General Order 105 – Chain of Command.

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