



BRAINTREE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Policy and Procedure

AMBER ALERT

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Purpose The **America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER)** purpose is to increase the chances of recovering abducted and endangered children. When the AMBER system is activated, radio, television and cable stations statewide will receive a child abduction alert message and may broadcast this every thirty minutes for up to four hours. These broadcasts are an effort to solicit the public's assistance in recovering an abducted child and quickly apprehend the suspect.

Policy It is the policy of the Braintree Police Department to initiate an AMBER Alert for serious cases of child abduction, where the child's life is in imminent danger of serious bodily harm or death and specific criteria are supporting the Amber Alert Activation have been met.

Criteria
[41.2.6 d] The Amber Alert shall only be activated when:

- A child, under the age of 18 years has been abducted.
- The child is in danger of serious bodily harm, injury or death; and
- There is enough descriptive information to believe an Amber Alert may help locate the child.

Alerts are not intended for a missing child incidents, runaways, or child custody situations unless the above criteria are met. Review policies **A Child is Missing Alert and Missing Persons. [41.2.6 d]**

Responding Officers
[41.2.6 e]

Officers responding to the scene of a possible child abduction shall:
[41.2.6e]

- Conduct an initial investigation to determine whether the criteria for Activation of the AMBER alert is met.
- Verify witness(s) observations to the abduction,
- Verify with the witness(s) the actual time of the child's abduction;
- Notify the Station Officer with specific information and request an immediate Amber Alert activation
- Remain on the scene until properly relieved
- Provide a dedicated phone number for requesting agencies.

Station Officer
[41.2.6 e]

Upon receiving the request for an Amber Alert Activation, the station officer shall immediately; **[41.2.6 e]**

- Notify the Shift Commander of the incident and request
- Ensure specific information for the Amber Alert is conveyed
- Dispatch patrol as appropriate
- Broadcast the information over the radio-"BOLO".

Shift Commander
[41.2.6 e]

The Shift Commander shall be responsible for following criteria being met; **[41.2.6 e]**

- **A Massachusetts Child Amber Alert Activation Form** is completed
- Notification is made to MA State Police by phone 1-508-820-2121 and
- A faxed copy of the activation form is sent to 1-508-820-2150
- A Supervisor if available responds to the scene
- Notification is made to the Deputy Chief of Operations as soon as is practical
- The incident is appropriately documented in PAMET.