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AMBER ALERT HITS FACEBOOK

Recently, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) entered into an agreement with FaceBook to host AMBER Alert FaceBook pages for each state. An on-line webinar was recently held for state coordinators to familiarize them with the new tool. FaceBook has made changes to their normal operations to host these pages, such as removing advertising and limiting access to make posts. This will ensure timely and accurate information is displayed during any alerts.

The Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee welcomes this new venture and will work to integrate its use into Ohio's AMBER Alert procedures. More information will be distributed in the future and in future editions of this newsletter.

AMBER ALERT REGIONAL ORGANIZATION NEW GOAL FOR 2011

Ohio has a very diverse population and a variety of approaches to AMBER Alerts throughout the state. In some areas of the state, very structured regional AMBER Alert programs exist. Two examples of these are Mid-Ohio AMBER Alert and Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert. In other cases, individual counties have a very structured local program, such as Warren and Crawford Counties, to name a few.

There are several areas in the state where programs may be under-developed and could benefit from a regional structure. The regional structure would also benefit the locally advanced plans by assisting in coordinating cooperation between neighboring departments. It is in this vein the Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee will be proactively attempting to bring regional partners together to organize the state into regional AMBER Alert programs.

The intent of this organization is to foster better communication, cooperation, and build upon individual strengths to ensure all programs have the best chance of success. As the program rolls out, please be prepared to support and assist with this effort. If you have further questions or want to help, contact OSHP S/Lt. Jackson as listed on page 2.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL OPENS CRITICAL INFORMATION COMMUNICATION CENTER

Newly appointed superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Colonel John Born, has created the Critical Information Communication Center (CICC). This is an expansion of the Columbus Communications Center and will feature a command level OSHP officer on duty 24 hours-a-day. As the center completes their set-up, command officers assigned to the CICC will be trained to serve as AMBER Alert duty officers.

This new assignment will streamline the current call-out procedure and ensure a more immediate and efficient processing of AMBER Alerts as they come into the CICC. Along with processing AMBER Alerts, command officers will also be in position to immediately process requests for other OSHP resources, such as aviation, command vehicle, and SRT response.

“The opening of the CICC (the Hub) will not only support Division NIMS operations, but also provide immediate support to our public safety partners in Ohio and across the nation,” Col. Born said. “The Ohio State Highway Patrol is ready and willing to assist where we are needed to contribute to a safer Ohio.”

SUBMIT YOUR STORIES

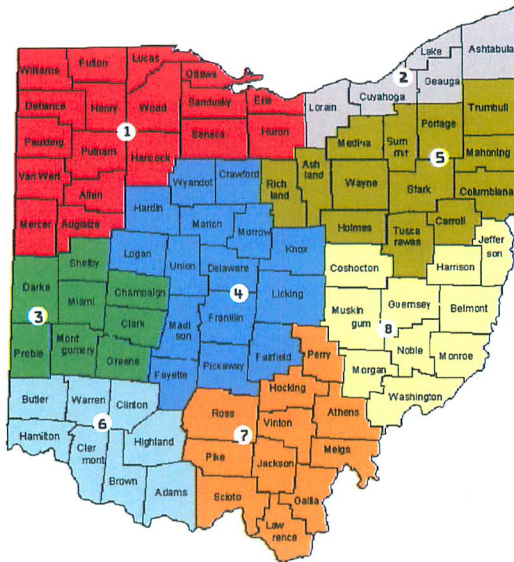
Don't forget to send your submissions to the Ohio AMBER Alert Newsletter. If you have a success story, question, issue for discussion, or anything related to the AMBER Alert program, please send it to: rjackson@dps.state.oh.us

Did you know?

Scotland had 53 child abduction cases in 2009. Politicians are currently working to improve their system so abducted children are recovered safely

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