OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2018
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 24th July 2018 meeting of the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee at approximately 10:08 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
Local/Regional AMBER Plan, Mid-Ohio AMBER Alert
Community Member
Ohio Department of Transportation
State Emergency Communications Committee
Ohio Association of Broadcasters
Buckeye State Sheriff’s Association
Victim’s Advocate
Ohio Emergency Management Communications
Ohio Department of Aging

Captain Kenneth Kocab
Clark Donley
Harry Trombitas
Leslie Prater
Paul Jellison
Christine Merritt
Sheriff Ronald Myers
Kathryn (Ryn) Farmer
Ronald (Dave) Ford
Grace Moran

Brent Currence- not available
Chief Clayton Harris-absent
Kristin Cadieux-absent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE
Ohio State Highway Patrol
Det. Morrissa Reed
Pam S. Sullivan

Dispatch Manager Lydia Frey
Greenville Police Department
OSHP Retiree Association

II. APPROVAL OF THE April 24, 2018 MEETING MINUTES
Captain Kocab asked the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee to review the minutes. Sheriff Myers made the motion to adopt. Harry Trombitas seconded. Motion carried by all.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of AMBER Alerts
Captain Kocab indicated there were two (2) AMBER Alerts for the reporting period. One alert was from Athens County and the other from Champaign County, this brings the total to 5 this year. He gave a brief overview of both the alerts. The Athens County alert was statewide.

B. Review of Blue Alerts
Captain Kocab indicated there were zero (0) Blue Alerts for the reporting period and non for the year.
C. Review of Endangered Missing Child Alerts
Two (2) endangered child alerts, which brings us to five (5) for the year. There was one in Franklin County and one in Stark County. Both recovered safe.

D. Review of Endangered Missing Adult Alerts
There were thirty eight (38) alerts from April 1 to June 30, 2018. All recovered safe.

E. AMBER Website Update
No update.

F. Training Update
Captain Kocab provided an update on the training since the last quarterly meeting. Lydia, Staff Lieutenant Cvitan and Brent conducted training in Huron County EMA and with several agencies in Huron County. We have 13 training classes coming up in August. Also, Fox Valley training coming up in Columbus, Cleveland and Troy, August 13, 15, 17, 2018. Captain Kocab reached out to the committee to invite them to open up the session trainings coming up in August.

G. 2018 Ohio Alerts Conference
Capt. Kocab gave a brief overview on details pending regarding one of the main speakers. All partners have been notified of the date for the conference, November 2, 2018.

IV. NEW BUSINESS
Captain Kocab introduced new committee member, Grace Moran from the Ohio Department of Aging.

Discussion of the Hamilton County AMBER alert where the EAS and WEA were activated but there was a breakdown in the system. An EAS was not sent out.

Ronald Ford provided a handout on WEA and gave an overview of how the system works. IPAWS is geared towards new technology and sending information directly to cellphones. IPAWS is the new technology for sending EAS revolutionizing the EAS alert system by streamlining the processes because it’s a computer interface and has 7 steps. He further explained how the alerts are received through the CAD and disseminated according to relevance. The system is tested monthly statewide, they test all 4 paths using simultaneous paths and using audio and text to speech features. Twenty eight (28) counties in Ohio have submitted the application for utilizing IPOS software. Ford explained the training process and requirements for the IPOS software, that includes taking federal courses. EAS alerts are voluntary for Counties in Ohio.

Further discussion was held on WEA, sent if the message is considered a threat to the community and other possible uses like weather emergencies. Also, there is no testing for WEA therefore no way of measuring its accuracy.

IPAWS is going to help because it is better for tracking, easier to use and has better capabilities. When IPAWS if you select statewide it will send the message to all the broadcasters simultaneously as opposed to the relay message the Sage boxes use.
Ronald will follow up with FEMA to determine if a CAD message was sent along with the WEA.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. was made by Clark Donley seconded by Paul Jellison.

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Captain Kenneth Kocab, Chairperson

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