

# **OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Live In-Person Meeting  
2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43235  
January 19, 2023**

Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee member, Brent Currence, called to order the January 19, 2023, meeting of the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee at approximately 10:11 am. The first order of business was the roll call taken by Brent Currence.

## **I. ROLL CALL - PRESENT**

### **IN-PERSON**

Ohio Attorney General's Office	Brent Currence
Ohio Association of Broadcasters	Christine Merritt
Local/Regional AMBER Plan, Mid-Ohio AMBER Alert Community Member	Clark Donley
Ohio Association of Police Chiefs	Harry Trombitas
Ohio Emergency Management Agency	Chief Clayton Harris
State Emergency Communications Committee	Brian Castner
Ohio Department of Transportation	Paul Jellison
Ohio Department of Aging	Leslie Prater
	Erin Pettegrew

### **ROLL CALL – ABSENT**

Buckeye State Sheriff's Association	Vacant
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Vacant
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Vacant

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ohio State Highway Patrol	Captain Ron Raines
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Captain Matt Them
Ohio State Highway Patrol	S/Lieutenant Kristin Wickman
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Pam Walker
Ohio State Highway Patrol Dispatch Manager	Matt Stegner
Marion County Sheriff's Office	Captain Lydia Frey
ABC 6 News	Haley Nelson
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Lieutenant Steven Bauer
Dept. of Public Safety Legal	Anna Vitale
Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System	Jackline Costa
Coshocton County Sheriff's Office	Sheriff James Crawford
Cuyahoga Community College Campus Police	Sergeant Benjamin Wilson, Jr.
NBC 4 News	Caleb Michael
USA Today	Doug Caruso

## **II. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2022, MEETING MINUTES**

Brent Currence asked the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee to review the minutes. Motion was made to accept by Chief Clayton Harris. Clark Donley seconded. Motion carried by all.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Review of AMBER Alerts:**

There were three (3) AMBER Alert activations. Two (2) activated regionally by CECOMS in the northeast lakeshore region.

The third activation was a statewide activation by the OSHP Watch Desk, Thomass twins. An After Action Review (AAR) regarding the Columbus Alert was conducted on January 3, 2023. Captain Raines reviewed the findings, which indicated a lack of communication within CPD and a need for training for OSHP Watch Desk Commanders and Comm Center Dispatchers. The AAR also found a need for proactive training to all Law Enforcement provided by the Ohio Amber Alert Advisory Committee. Captain Raines explained the steps taken when activating an AMBER Alert within the state of Ohio.

The IPAWS and WEA problem has been resolved as of December 20, 2022.

### **B. Review of Blue Alerts:**

There were no Blue Alerts for this quarter.

### **C. Review of Endangered Missing Child Alerts:**

There were no Endangered Missing Child Alerts for this quarter.

### **D. Review of Endangered Missing Adult Alerts:**

Forty-nine (49) Endangered Missing Adult Alerts were issued during this time period. Additionally, seventeen (17) requests for alerts were not issued. Law enforcement was responsible for twenty-eight (28) returned, and eleven (11) missing adults returned on their own or found by family.

### **E. Alerts Training Update:**

A discussion was made about possibly conducting regional trainings around the state, setting up a schedule to agencies so that they can attend training in the area and open the training up to different agencies.

### **F. 2023 Alerts Conference:**

Clark Donley agreed to chair the 2023 conference. Brent advised that CECOMM would like to combine conference with our Alerts Conference.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Captain Raines advised that all current Governor Appointments to the Committee will expire on the same day in February, 2023. For those who wish to remain on the committee, there is no need to fill out another application. Sheriff Myers advised that he will not be seeking appointment for 2023 and that Sheriff Jim Crawford is likely to step up. Erin Pettigrew suggested a possible appointment from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities may

be a good addition. Captain Raines advised he will be taking the place of Captain Matt Warren of OSHP.

#### **V. COMMENTS**

Captain Raines asked if anyone on the committee would like to be added to the e-notification. If so, Captain Raines will be in touch to get the cell phone number they would like to use.

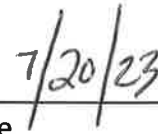
#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Jellison and seconded by Clark Donley. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.



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Brent Currence, Chairperson



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Date