

# OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Live In-Person Meeting  
2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43235  
January 15, 2026

Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee member, Brent Currence, called to order the January 15, 2026 meeting of the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee at approximately 10:04 am. The first order of business was the roll call taken by Jackie Bonner.

## I. ROLL CALL - PRESENT

### IN-PERSON

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| Ohio AG's Office/Ohio Missing Persons' Clearinghouse | Brent Currence             |
| Ohio Emergency Management Agency                     | Brian Castner              |
| State Emergency Communications Committee             | Paul Jellison              |
| Victim's Advocate                                    | Kathryn (Ryn) Wolfe Farmer |
| Ohio Association of Broadcasters                     | Chad Budreau               |
| Local/Regional AMBER Plan                            | Jacquelynn (Jacque) Costa  |
| Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police                 | Chief Matt Delp            |
| Buckeye State Sheriff's Association                  | Sheriff Jeff Balzer        |
| Community Member                                     | Harry Trombitas            |
| Ohio Department of Transportation                    | Leslie Prater              |

### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

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| Ohio Department of Aging | Erin Pettegrew |
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### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| Ohio State Highway Patrol | Jacqueline (Jackie) Bonner |
| Ohio State Highway Patrol | Lieutenant David Bever     |
| Ohio State Highway Patrol | Arin Smith                 |
| Ohio State Highway Patrol | Adrienne Sheffer           |
| Ohio State Highway Patrol | Amanda Harper              |
| Ohio State Highway Patrol | Kristin Wood               |
| Ohio DODD                 | Russell Blank              |
| Ohio DAS                  | Angie Canepa               |
| Ohio State Highway Patrol | Brian Morgan               |
| Ohio EMA                  | Jeff Greene                |
| Ohio 911                  | Patrick Brandt             |

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE (via Bridge Call)

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| Marion County Sheriff's Office | Lydia Frey |
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## II. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Brent Currence asked the Ohio Amber Alert Advisory Committee to review the minutes from the October 16, 2025 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jacque Costa, Paul Jellison seconded. Motion carried by all. Minutes approved.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Review of AMBER Alerts:

Jackie Bonner gave a recap of the 2025 alerts: there were four (4) AMBER Alerts in 2025. Three (3) were activated by OSHP Watch Desk, one (1) was activated by the Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System (CECOMS). No alerts were issued in the fourth quarter.

#### B. Review of Blue Alerts:

There were no Blue Alerts in the fourth quarter of 2025.

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

Brent Currence gave a recap of the 2025 alerts: there were twenty (20) Endangered/Missing Child Alert activations for the year, all were recovered safe. Six (6) alerts were issued in the fourth quarter. Brent Currence gave a brief summary of each incident.

1. October 10, 2025 – requested by Akron Police Department
2. October 30, 2025 – requested by Pike County Sheriff's Office
3. November 02, 2025 – requested by Akron Police Department
4. November 15, 2025 – requested by Whitehall Police Department
5. November 18, 2025 – requested by Perrysburg Police Department
6. November 19, 2025 – requested by Bridgeport Police Department

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

Brent Currence gave a recap of the 2025 alerts: there were one hundred and sixty-six (166) Endangered/Missing Adult Alert activations for the year, nine (9) were recovered deceased.

#### E. Alerts Training Update:

Jackie Bonner reported there were seven (7) training sessions conducted in 2025 with a total of one hundred and seventy-one (171) individuals who received the training. There are currently eight (8) training sessions scheduled in 2026. The training instructors are exploring the possibility of offering online trainings for departments who seek multiple training sessions.

#### F. 2025 AMBER Alert Symposium:

Brent Currence and Jacque Costa informed the committee of having another year of a successful symposium. They informed the Committee that there was an increase in attendance this year and there were positive reviews from the survey.

The 2026 AMBER Alert Sub-Committee was established. Ryn Wolfe Farmer will chair the sub-committee. Brent Currence, OSHP Captain Chris Kinn, OSHP Staff Lieutenant Melanie Provenzano, Chad Budreau, Jacque Costa, and Jackie Bonner will be on the sub-committee.

Jacque Costa informed the committee of the CECOMS Missing Persons Conference. She explained that there seems to be a lack of knowledge with LEADS and NCIC entries in their region and expressed interest in having Brent Currence and OSHP speak on the process of entering codes when dealing with alert activations.

G. New MEP Code – Subcommittee Update:

Paul Jellison informed the committee there is no new update or information regarding the new MEP code.

Brian Castner submitted an updated application with FEMA IPAWS to change Ohio EMA's alert authority to include the new MEP code.

Brian Castner informed the Committee that some Ohio Counties have shown interest in obtaining their own Missing and Endangered Alert authority and are developing their own plans. Brian Castner has not yet signed off on any plans yet.

H. Ohio Alerts Plan Revision:

Brent Currence informed the committee that Ohio BCI is still reviewing the section pertaining to Ohio BCI alerts.

I. HB 359 Update:

There are no updates for the committee on HB 359.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. New Business from Committee Members:

Jacque Costa informed the committee of the beginning efforts of CECOMS to expand their region. She informed the committee that they will continue to discuss this topic with OSHP and the adjacent counties of their region.

B. New Business from Non-Committee Members:

OSHP State Dispatch Administrator Adrienne Sheffer informed the committee of Captain Raines' retirement. She told them that OSHP has not yet recommended a replacement to be selected for the committee but will inform the members of the committee once they do.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jacque Costa and seconded by Paul Jellison. Meeting was adjourned.

  
Brent Currence, Chairperson

4/16/20  
Date