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## INTRODUCTION TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT PLAN

Recent highly publicized child abductions throughout the country have put the spotlight on the AMBER ALERT, a cooperative effort between law enforcement agencies and the media to quickly disseminate public information about an abducted child.

The Northeast Ohio Amber Alert Committee along with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, local law enforcement, the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Safety, Cuyahoga Emergency Communications Systems (CECOMS) and local Media stations have worked in partnership to bring the AMBER ALERT to our community. Speed is essential when trying to rescue an abducted child. That is why it is imperative that law enforcement and the media react quickly and get the word out to the community. **THE NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT PLAN** is the answer because it activates an alert that can engage the entire community to look for both the child and the alleged abductor(s). Experience has shown that a significant number of child abductions have been resolved because of extensive radio and television coverage.

**THE NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT PLAN** was modeled after several plans already established throughout the United States.

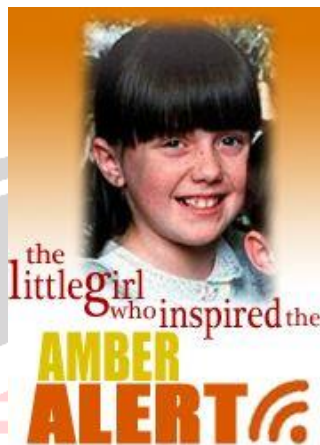
**THE NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT PLAN** covers (9) counties:

1. Ashtabula County
2. Cuyahoga County
3. Erie County
4. Geauga County
5. Huron County
6. Lake County
7. Lorain County
8. Medina County
9. Summit County

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## AMBER ALERT: AMERICA'S MISSING BROADCAST EMERGENCY RESPONSE



In January 1996, nine year old Amber Hagerman was riding her bicycle when a neighbor heard the girl scream. The neighbor saw a man pull Amber off her bike, throw her into the front seat of his pickup truck, and drive away at a high speed. The neighbor called police and provided a description of the suspect and his vehicle, but couldn't recall much else. Arlington, Texas police and the FBI interviewed other neighbors and searched for the suspect and vehicle. Local radio and TV stations covered the story in their regular newscasts. Four days later, Amber's body was found in a drainage ditch four miles away. Her throat had been cut. Her kidnapping and murder remain unsolved.

A concerned citizen contacted a Dallas, Texas radio station suggesting the idea that Dallas radio stations should repeat news bulletins about abducted children just like they do severe weather warnings. The idea was presented to the general managers of the radio stations in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. They agreed that such a program would provide an important public service and might help save the life of a child.

Although the Amber Plan is named after Amber Hagerman, this national program is dedicated to all children nationwide who've been abducted. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, nearly 262,100 children are abducted every year. Specifically, 58,200 are non-family abductions and 203,900 are family abductions.

The Amber Alert Plan was launched in Ohio on January 1, 2003.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this plan is to establish procedures to be followed in child abductions, endangered missing children. This plan will outline the law enforcement agency's response in a manner that holds the greatest chance for the safe return of the child and the apprehension of the alleged abductor(s). The first few hours of the investigation of an abducted child may determine whether the eventual outcome is successful or not. Experience has shown that in cases where children have been victims of stranger abductions, there exists a "window of opportunity" lasting only a few hours in which police are likely to successfully recover the child unharmed. To capitalize on this opportunity; it is imperative that the investigation be "front loaded" with as much intense investigative efforts and resources as possible. The reasons for stranger abductions are many and varied. The motivation involved may be related to sexual gratification, narcotics, revenge, money and any other provocation the mind can imagine. It is therefore crucial that the law enforcement agency research their respective activities and files to determine if any connection or motive can be established related to the child's disappearance.

### **I. NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT COMMITTEE CONTACTS**

#### **Committee Chairman:**

Chief John Majoy, Newburgh Heights Police Dept. 216.641.5545

#### **Cuyahoga County Department of Public Safety/CECOMS Cuyahoga County:**

Christopher Minek, CECOMS Operations Supervisor 216.501.7041

### **II. PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

The NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT PLAN is a cooperative effort between local area law enforcement, radio and television stations, and Cuyahoga County Department of Public Safety/CECOMS.



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### III. SCOPE OF AMBER ALERT

The **NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT** will include those communities that are reachable by all broadcast stations participating in this plan.

### IV. CRITERIA FOR ACTIVATION

The AMBER ALERT requires an executive officer at a participating law enforcement agency to verify that all four (4) specific criteria listed below have been satisfied:

- A. The child is under eighteen (18) years of age.**
- B. There is credible information that suggests that the child was forcibly or intentionally removed or lured away from their location and remains missing.**
- C. The law enforcement agency believes the child is in danger of serious bodily harm or death.**
- D. There is enough descriptive information about the child, and/or alleged abductor(s), and/or alleged abductor's vehicle to believe an immediate broadcast alert will help.**

If the criteria is met, alert information must be organized for public distribution. This information can include a description and pictures of the missing child, the alleged abductor(s), alleged abductor's vehicle and any other information available and valuable to identifying the child and alleged abductor(s).

### V. STEPS FOR ACTIVATION

The AMBER ALERT can **ONLY** be implemented by a law enforcement agency. Should a citizen call in and request a broadcast, the citizen would be referred to their local law enforcement agency.

- A. Law enforcement agencies participating in this plan will call CECOMS (Cuyahoga Emergency Communication System) at 216.771.1363 to request an AMBER ALERT.
- B. Law enforcement will also scan to [all\\_cecoms@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:all_cecoms@cuyahogacounty.us) (if unable to scan fax to 216.443.5705):
  - 1. AMBER ALERT URGENT INFORMATION FORMS
  - 2. Exact message faxed to CECOMS on agency letterhead
- C. Law enforcement shall contact but not limited to the following:
  - 1. Enter the missing juvenile through LEADS and NCIC.
  - 2. Send a LEADS administration broadcast to all Ohio law enforcement terminals.
  - 3. Send a NLETS (National Law Enforcement Tele Communication System) broadcast message to adjacent states.
  - 4. Contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to report the child abduction case at 1.800.843.5678; this is a 24-hour hot-line.
  - 5. Have both liability and authorization form signed (optional, not required).
  - 6. Follow your department's policy for all available resources that could be of help in locating the child.

## CECOMS ACTIVATION PROCEDURES

- Law enforcement agency will call CECOMS at 216.771.1363. They will advise CECOMS that they are requesting an AMBER ALERT.
- Requesting law enforcement agency will scan/fax to CECOMS the seven (7) page **AMBER ALERT ACTIVATION PACKET** including the exact AMBER ALERT message that they request to be broadcast via the Emergency Alert System. These Seven (7) pages should be on agency letterhead and typewritten. Scan the packet to [all\\_cecoms@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:all_cecoms@cuyahogacounty.us) or fax to 216-501-7041.
- Once the AMBER ALERT ACTIVATION PACKET is received, CECOMS will contact the requesting agency on their emergency phone number to confirm the legitimacy of the AMBER ALERT and read back the exact message.
- Once Confirmed, CECOMS will transmit the AMBER ALERT message via the Emergency Alert System (EAS).
- CECOMS will also contact the National Weather Service and convey the AMBER ALERT message. The National Weather Service will then broadcast the message via NOAA Weather Radio System.
- CECOMS will then fax the seven (7) page **AMBER ALERT URGENT INFORMATION FORMS** including the exact AMBER ALERT message to the area media outlets and agencies including the Ohio Lottery Commission. CECOMS maintains a list of media outlets that have requested to receive the AMBER ALERT information.
- CECOMS will obtain cell-phone subscriber and ping location information (Agency Request)
- CECOMS will activate the Wireless Emergency Alert System (WEA).
- CECOMS will activate the Cuyahoga County Mass Notification System.
- CECOMS will activate the county-wide Fixed License Plate Reader System (FLPR).
- CECOMS will activate the TAC BOLO
- CECOMS will contact LAMAR Advertising to post the information on the digital billboards.
- CECOMS will call back the requesting law enforcement agency and advise them that the AMBER ALERT message has been sent via the Emergency Alert System, the National Weather Service NOAA Weather Radio, and all media outlets and agencies that have requested to receive the AMBER Alert message.

## VI. CANCELLATION OF THE AMBER ALERT

Upon the confirmed recovery of the child by any law enforcement agency, the original requesting agency will immediately contact CECOMS at 216.771.1363 and advise them of the cancellation. The initiating agency will then send all **CANCELLATION FORMS** to CECOMS at ALL\_CECOMS@cuyahogacounty.us or fax to 216.443.5705. CECOMS will fax the cancellation notice to all participating media outlets and agencies and the National Weather Service. Upon receipt of this notice agencies will contact CECOMS via phone and confirm the cancellation.

## VII. CRITERIA NOT QUALIFIED FOR A NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT ACTIVATION

- Based on the above criteria, the following situations do **NOT** qualify for the AMBER ALERT activation:
- Missing child believed to have run away from home.
- Missing child taken by a non-custodial relative in a child custody case.
- Missing adult (eighteen (18) years of age or older).
- Police search for other criminals (murder suspect, bank robber, etc).
- A child missing more than twenty-four (24) hours.

## VIII. ENDANGERED MISSING CHILD RECOVERY PLAN:

If the criteria for the AMBER ALERT activation is NOT met and/or in addition to an AMBER Alert, Law enforcement should consider utilizing the following agencies and/or services to help locate the missing child.

1. Enter the missing juvenile through LEADS and NCIC.
2. Send a LEADS administration broadcast to all Ohio law enforcement terminals.
3. Send a NLETS (National Law Enforcement Telecommunication System) broadcast message to adjacent states.
4. Contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to report the missing child case at 1.800.843.5678; this is a 24-hour hot line.
5. Have both liability and authorization form signed (optional, not required.)
6. Contact County Child Services for possible assistance or information.
7. Contact, a Child is Missing Inc. (ACIM) at 954.763.1288 fax 954.763.4569.
8. Use a Locator Program.
9. Reverse 911, if available.
10. Ohio State Patrol for their special AMBER ALERT leads assistance.
11. News Release to the media including photograph.
12. Contact broadcasting agencies for their assistance.
13. Contact beyond Missing Flyer Program 415.461.3463.
14. Fire Departments or volunteer groups to help search for the missing child.
15. Contact other law enforcement agencies for assistance.
16. State of Ohio Children's clearing House Hot Line at 1.800.325.5604.
17. Child Alert Foundation Posters (check with your county Sheriff).
18. Federal Bureau of Investigation. (FBI)
19. Canine Units / Mounted Units
20. Alzheimer's Association / Greater Cleveland Chapter 216.721.8457

**The above list of services/agencies is provided to assist Law Enforcement but is not intended to be limited to other means law enforcement may find useful.**





## **THE NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT REVIEW BOARD**

**The Review/General Board will consist of the following members:**

### **Committee Chairperson**

John T. Majoy, Chief of Police, Newburgh Heights Police Department

### **Committee Members**

Christopher Minek, Operations Supervisor, Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System

Peggy Gallek, Community Relations Director, WJW TV-8

Gina Dejesus, AMBER Alert Ambassador

Russell Scarbrough, 911 Communications Supervisor, Lorain County

Terry Grice, Chief of Police, Montville Township Police Department, Medina County

Dennis O'Neil, ODOT, District 12 Representative

Dan Dudik, Chief, Geneva Police Department, Lake County

James Currie, Sergeant, Akron Police Department, Summit County

Lisa Raffurty, CECOMS Manager, Cuyahoga County

### **PURPOSE**

1. This committee will meet periodically to review and implement any procedural changes to better serve **THE NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT PLAN**.
2. Within fourteen (14) days, the law enforcement agency that activates the alert will submit a follow-up report to the Review Board's Chairperson.
3. This follow-up report will consist of:
  - a) copies of all the forms used to activate the alert,
  - b) a general report with any positive or negative comments regarding the
  - c) activation procedures, and
  - d) a synopsis of the conclusion of the investigation.
4. Within 14 days of receipt of the law enforcement agency's report the Chairperson will convene a meeting of the Review Board and the law enforcement agency designee that activated the alert for review of the activation to help ensure accuracy, and clarify any procedural issues.
5. Members of the Review Board will disseminate activation findings to committee members within 14 days.

## NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT FAMILY RESPONSE PLAN

*“The Northeast Ohio Amber Alert Committee (“Committee”) identified the need to develop a family response component to enhance the current, standard Amber Alert protocol. The goals of the family response are to provide crisis stabilization, trauma informed communication, and a sense of hope that reunification is possible. To accomplish these goals, the Committee envisions two phases of programming.”*

### **Phase One: Gathering Information**

As the family response component is a new endeavor and seemingly one of the first of its kind nationally, the Committee recognizes the need to inform its work by gathering information from families who have experienced an event that triggered an Amber Alert.

For a period of one year, the Committee will designate two members to reach out to families in the aftermath of an Amber Alert. The purpose of this outreach is to establish rapport, inquire as to the family’s well-being or desired service referrals, and understand the family’s experience throughout the Amber Alert protocol.

To do this, the following steps will be used:

1. A Witness/Victim Service Center representative (“the representative”) will call the family contact, as identified by law enforcement. If possible, local law enforcement should assist in this process by notifying the family contact that the representative will be calling.
2. The representative will explain the purpose of the phone call and empower the family contact to decide if he or she would like to be a part of a family interview. The representative will ensure that the family contact understands that the purpose of the family interview is not to aide in any law enforcement investigation process, but rather to inform the Committee’s ongoing desire to enhance the Amber Alert response.
  - a. If the family does not wish to be a part of the process, the representative will inform the family contact that he or she is welcome to call back with any questions in the future, and will provide any resources or immediate assistance that the family contact may need. Any service requests will be kept confidential, but the representative will document the conversation and report back to the committee only that the family contact declined participation.
  - b. If the family does wish to be a part of the process, the representative will indicate that a trauma survivor (“the survivor”) is available to him or her for Conversation and support, and that an interview facilitated by both the representative and the survivor can be scheduled either at a location of the family contact’s choice, or over the phone. The representative will then coordinate scheduling with herself, the family contact and the survivor.
3. The survivor will be the lead interviewer and the representative will take notes and assist the survivor if needed by asking follow up questions and providing service referrals as desired by the family.
4. The questions to be asked are listed in the table below. Following brief introductory conversation, these questions should be used as a guide, rather than a script. Conversation may naturally lead to additional topics of importance. These questions should be adjusted as needed if the child has not yet been reunified with the family.
5. Following the interview, the representative will compile a summary and forward it to the survivor for review. Upon the survivor’s review and approval, the summary will be provided to the full Amber Alert

Committee and discussed at the review meeting generally scheduled for 10-14 days after an Amber Alert. The information will be presented by the survivor and the representative, jointly.

**Phase Two: Deploying Hope**

After a period of one year, the representative and the survivor, and any additional Committee members interested in assisting, will compile a report outlining the information gathered through the family interview process. The report will highlight general themes, successes, and identified gaps.

The report will be presented to the Amber Alert Committee and, using the information gathered, a plan will be developed to implement a rapid response through with the survivor and a trained crisis worker will respond to the family while the Amber Alert is activated. All efforts will be made to identify crisis workers in each of the eight counties served by the Northeast Ohio Amber Alert Committee to ensure a rapid deployment.

By pairing a crisis worker with the survivor, the Committee strives to relay concrete information to the family in a trauma informed manner, help to process and validate immediate emotions, and instill hope that reunification is possible.

The interview process outlined in Phase One above will still be offered to families in Phase Two, so that feedback is consistently gathered and used to better our efforts as a Committee.





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### **Committee Structure:**

#### **1. Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Executive Board:**

- a. One chief of police or sheriff who serves as the chairperson
- b. One administrative assistant
- c. A supervisor from the Cuyahoga County Office of EMA (CECOMS)
- d. A member of the local media
- e. A member representing Clear Channel
- f. One fiduciary appointee at the discretion of the chairperson

#### **2. Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee:**

- a. Each member of the Executive Board
- b. One chief of police or sheriff (or their designee) from each of the eight counties
- c. One member of a local school district from each of the eight counties
- d. One member from the Ohio Department of Transportation
- e. One member representing a 9-1-1 telecommunication center
- f. Two members of the public

#### **3. Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Review Panel:**

- a. Each member of the Executive Board
- b. One chief, sheriff or their designee from each of the eight NEO AMBER Alert Committee counties with a minimum of five required for a quorum when voting
- c. Only law enforcement will be permitted to vote on reviews

(Please use Law Enforcement letterhead)

**LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

I hereby agree the information I have provided to the (law enforcement agency) to be truthful, factual and correct.

As the parent/legal guardian, I am aware that in order for the (law enforcement agency) to enter a child as being abducted and endangered the following criteria must be met:

- A. The child is under eighteen (18) years of age.**
- B. There is credible information that suggests that the child was forcibly or intentionally removed or lured away from their location and remains missing.**
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I am also aware I may be charged criminally for committing the crime of "Obstructing Official Business" (Ohio Revised Code 2921.31) if I knowingly provide false information to law enforcement authorities.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

Last Name	Middle Initial	First Name
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Current Address:

Street Number	Street Name	City	State	Zip Code
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I have read and fully understand the contents of this document. A photocopy of this release document will be valid as an original thereof, even though the said photocopy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Including mother's maiden name)

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please use Law enforcement letterhead)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF JUVENILE INFORMATION**

For a period of one year from the execution of this document, the undersigned authorizes full disclosure of all records concerning the below listed juvenile to any agent of any municipal or county law enforcement agency, any agent of the state of Ohio, the Ohio State Patrol or any individual or entity assigned by the (law enforcement agency), whether the records are of a public, private, internal or confidential nature. I direct the release of such information regardless of any agreement I may have made to the contrary with any entity or individual to whom the juvenile's information is released or presented.

The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete disclosure of confidential juvenile information. Additionally, I understand the duty of the (law enforcement agency) to release any information to the proper authorities and make other reports as may be mandated by law. I also certify that any person(s) who may furnish such information concerning the below listed juvenile shall not be held accountable for giving this information: and I do hereby release such person(s) from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information. I further release the (law enforcement agency), the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, the Ohio Broadcasters Association and its agents, and designees under this release, from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information? I further release Cuyahoga County and CECOMS and their agents, officers, employees, administrators, representatives and servants from any and all liability that may be incurred as a result of furnishing juvenile information, and waive any restrictions imposed by law in disseminating such information.

A photocopy of this release document will be valid as an original thereof, even though the said photocopy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

**JUVENILE FOR WHICH INFORMATION RELEASE IS AUTHORIZED:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF INFORMATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name / First Name / Middle Initial / Maiden name, former married name(s) or other names used

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number Street Name City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date  
(Including mother's maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Date

(Please use Law enforcement letterhead)

## REQUEST FOR AGENCY TRAINING

If you are located within CECOMS EAS activation region and participate in **THE NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT PLAN**, you may request agency training by faxing/emailing information requested on this form.

**Topics:** AMBER Alert Activation/Cancellation Procedures, LEADS Entries, AMBER Packet Completion, What to expect during an AMBER Alert Activation, AMBER Alert Review Committee Responsibilities, Endangered Missing Child Procedures, Endangered Missing Adult Procedures, CECOMS Media Alerts, Conducting "TEST" AMBER Alert Activation Procedures for Dispatchers and Issuing Officials.

**COST: FREE (All materials are provided)**

Training Time: 2-3 hours

EMAIL: [cminek@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:cminek@cuyahogacounty.us)  
Christopher Minek, Emergency Operations Supervisor,  
Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System (CECOMS)  
Fax: 216.443.5705

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOST CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY FAX NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE(S) OF TRAINING REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE NORTHEAST OHIO AMBER ALERT REVIEW BOARD SUCCSSES STORIES

### March 13, 2018

- Sandusky, OH (Successful)
- Upon the review of the AMBER Alert Activation conducted by the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee. We determined that the AMBER Alert met all four criteria for the activation. A non-custodial mother abducted her 4-year-old son. The woman and two associates followed the child's guardian in a car and ultimately forcibly abducted the child from the guardian's vehicle before fleeing at high speed. After an AMBER Alert was activated, a truck driver who saw the alert spotted the vehicle driven by the abductors and contacted police. Law enforcement successfully stopped the vehicle, rescued the child, and arrested the mother. (Family Abduction)

### April 1, 2018

- Cleveland, OH (Successful)
- Upon the review of the AMBER Alert Activation conducted by the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee. We determined that the AMBER Alert met all four criteria for the activation. City of Cleveland stated that the boyfriend (Demond Martin) did abduct 10 Month old Demiyah Martin with force from her at E. 116th St. the mother reported that the suspect stopped his car in front of her vehicle and exited his vehicle at which time he opened the passenger door to the vehicle she was in and snatched the child. At this time the mother (Aliyah Rodgers) attempted to stop the suspect. The suspect then grabbed the mother by the neck and began to choke her. The mother then informed patrol officers that the suspect took the child to his friend's house on E. 114th St and that the suspect is known to carry a firearm. Police respond to the location that the mother gave and there was no sign of the child being at that residence. CPD Dispatch then notified patrol units that a female at 14110 Kinsman Rd has the child. At this time a patrol officer approached the vehicle and observed a baby matching the description of Demiyah Martin. The female (Latoya Belle) stated, She got the baby from her play brother which is the suspect on Broadway Ave. The female would not inform dispatch where she received the child from on Broadway Ave and would not give the location of the suspect. The mother was contacted and responded to the scene and confirmed that was her daughter and the child was reunited with her mother in good health and unharmed.

### June 12, 2018

- Ashtabula, OH (Successful)
- Upon the review of the AMBER Alert Activation conducted by the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee. We determined that the Alert met all four criteria for the activation. City of Ashtabula stated that the Grandmother (Connie Nelson) did abduct 6 Y/O Brooklyn Vance from her residence at 1754 Robin Circle at approximately 0930 hours. The Committee was advised of the Grandmothers mental health issues and unhealthy infatuation with the grandchild. Ashtabula Police Department Investigators believed that the grandmother who lived in Las Vegas and was going to take the child back to Las Vegas. CECOMS was contacted to issue the AMBER Alert for the abducted child. The Ashtabula Police Department received three tips during the AMBER Alert Activation which led to the recovery of the child. The child was located approximately 10 miles away in the City of Geneva in the Lake. The grandmother used the means of Hitchhiking for transportation from her residence to the City of Geneva on the Lake. The child was recovered Safe and unharmed. Child was reunited with her mother and the Grandmother was taken into custody without incident. There is currently charges pending and the investigation is still ongoing.