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AMBER ALERT

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POLICY

1. The Chief Constable shall provide Procedures, pursuant to this Policy, for activating an AMBER Alert in the case of an abducted child.

REASON FOR POLICY

2. To seek to ensure the effective and efficient activation of an AMBER Alert.

RELATED POLICIES

- CS32 – Protection of Children
- CS41 – Media Relations & Social Media
- IM10 – Criminal Investigations
- IR46 – Kidnapping
- IR47 – Missing Persons

PROCEDURES

Criteria

3. The following criteria must be met in order to activate an AMBER Alert:



- a) the victim is a child, i.e., a person under the age of 18;
- b) there is reasonable belief that the child has been abducted, i.e., removed from their environment without the permission of their legal guardian or representative;
- c) there is reasonable belief that the child is in imminent danger;
- d) there is sufficient descriptive information about the child, and the suspected abductor and/or involved vehicle, to believe that notifying the public may help locate the child; and
- e) the AMBER Alert can be issued in a time frame that provides a reasonable expectation that the child could be returned or the suspected abductor could be apprehended.

Activation

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- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
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Investigation

8. The Inspector shall initiate the Major Case Management protocol and designate a Team Commander to lead the investigation (refer to Policies IM10 – *Criminal Investigations* and IM63 – *Missing Persons*).
9. A member shall immediately be assigned to investigate and obtain as many details as possible, including but not limited to:
 - a) circumstances of the alleged abduction;
 - b) location, date and time the child was last seen, including the last known direction of travel and possible destination(s);
 - c) a photograph and description of the child and suspected abductor (e.g., full name, nicknames, age, gender, race, height, weight, hair/eye colour, identifiable markings);
 - d) a photograph and description of any involved vehicle(s) (e.g., year/make/model, colour, license plate, damage, personalization);
 - e) a description of any known clothing the child or suspected abductor were last seen wearing or items in their possession (e.g., backpack, toy); and
 - f) any medical issues or needs the child has (e.g., prescription medication, allergies, medical conditions).

- [REDACTED]



Debrief

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