

OHIO AMBER ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Live In-Person Meeting
2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43235
July 16, 2026**

Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee member, Brent Currence, called to order the July 16, 2026, meeting of the Ohio AMBER Alert Advisory Committee at approximately 10:02 am. The first order of business was the roll call taken by Amanda Harper.

I. ROLL CALL - PRESENT

IN-PERSON

Ohio AG's Office/Ohio Missing Persons' Clearinghouse	Brent Currence
Ohio Emergency Management Agency	Brian Castner
State Emergency Communications Committee	Paul Jellison
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
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Captain Chris Kinn
Victim's Advocate	Kathryn (Ryn) Wolfe Farmer

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Ohio Department of Aging	Erin Pettegrew
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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ohio State Highway Patrol	Arin Smith
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Adrienne Sheffer
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Amanda Harper
Ohio DODD	Russell Blank
Ohio EMA	Jeff Greene
FBI	Scott Love
CECOMS	Lisa Raffurdy
Marion County Sheriff's Office	Lydia Frey

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE (via Bridge Call)

Ohio DAS	Angie Canepa
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II. APPROVAL OF THE April 16, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Brent Currence asked the Ohio Amber Alert Advisory Committee to review the minutes from the April 16, 2026, meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Chad Budreau, Jacque Costa seconded. Motion carried by all. Minutes approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of AMBER Alerts:

Captain Kinn reported there were no AMBER Alert activations in the 2nd quarter.

B. Review of Blue Alerts:

There were no Blue Alerts in the second quarter of 2026.

C. Review of Endangered/Missing Child Alerts:

There were eight (8) Endangered/Missing Adult Alerts in the second quarter of 2026. Brent Currence gave a brief summary of each incident. All were recovered safely.

1. April 21, 2026 – requested by Warren Police Department
2. April 29, 2026 – requested by Moraine Police Department
3. May 4, 2026 – requested by Whitehall Police Department
4. May 22, 2026 – requested by Marion Police Department
5. June 22, 2026 – requested by Jackson Center Police Department
6. July 3, 2026 – requested by Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
7. July 8, 2026 – requested by Licking County Sheriff's Office
8. July 13, 2026 – requested by Miamisburg Police Department

D. Review of Endangered/Missing Adult Alerts:

Brent Currence will give an update at the next meeting.

E. Alerts Training Update:

Captain Kinn gave an update. There are eight (8) training sessions scheduled for 2026. The next scheduled training is on August 13th at the Centerville Police Department. The previous training located at the OSHP Academy had high attendance. Captain Kinn is encouraging more officers to attend these trainings. The training instructors are exploring the possibility of offering an online option for departments who seek multiple training sessions.

F. 2026 AMBER Alert Symposium:

Ryn Wolfe Farmer updated the committee regarding the upcoming Symposium. All the speakers have confirmed attendance. There is a low number of registrations due to the change in OSHP registration format. The date for the Symposium is August 20th, 2026, at the ODOT Conference Auditorium.

G. Ohio Alerts Plan Revision:

Brent Currence informed the subcommittee is on hold due to the House Bill.

H. HB 359 Update:

Captain informed the Committee that HB359, also known as the Joshua Alert, has passed.

I. CECOMS Regional Expansion of IPAWS- Subcommittee Update:

Sherriff Balzer gave an update on the subcommittee discussion from April 27th, 2026. CECOMS has requested for expansion of issuing Amber Alerts for the surrounding counties of their region. Committee members discussed some concerns they had. Jacque Costa proposed approval of the requested expansion for CECOMS to alert the neighboring regions of Northwest, North Central, East Central, and Youngstown if the alert originated in the CECOMS

region. The Committee agreed to table the proposal until a MOU between OSHP and CECOMS is drafted.

- J. Alert Flowchart
Tabled

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. HB 677:

Captain Kinn informed the committee that HB677, also known as "Haley's Law", is still pending.

- B. New Business from Committee Members:

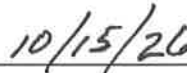
None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Jellison and seconded by Ryn Wolfe Farmer. Meeting was adjourned.



Brent Currence, Chairperson



Date