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### Amber Alert System

#### Policy

It is the policy of the Concord Police Department to initiate an Amber Alert for serious cases of child abduction, where the child's life is in imminent danger of serious bodily harm or death and specific criteria supporting the Amber Alert Activation have been met.

The Massachusetts State Police along with local broadcasters and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) have established a voluntary, cooperative program, that will send out an emergency alert to the public when a child has been abducted and it is believed that the child's life is in serious danger of bodily harm or death. Area radio and television stations have agreed to interrupt regular programming to broadcast information about the missing child.

#### Criteria for Activation

The Amber Alerts shall only be activated when:

- A child, under the age of eighteen (18) years has been abducted;
- The child is in danger of serious bodily harm, injury or death; and
- There is enough descriptive information to believe an Amber Alert may help locate the child.

**NOTE:** Amber Alerts are not intended for missing child incidents, runaways, or child custody situations.

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**Activation Procedures** Members of the department shall follow the procedures and responsibilities outlined below.

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
<b>Responding Officer</b>	The Responding Officer to a scene of a possible child abduction shall:
1.	Conduct an initial scene assessment to determine if the Amber Alert Criteria has been met;
2.	Verify witnesses' observations to the abduction;
3.	Verify with the witnesses, the actual time of the child's abduction;
4.	Notify the Dispatcher and/or Station Officer with specific information and request an immediate Amber Alert Activation; and
5.	Remain at the scene until properly released or relieved.
<b>Dispatcher or Station Officer</b>	Upon receiving a request for an Amber Alert Activation, immediately:
1.	Notify the Shift Supervisor of an Amber Alert Activation request;
2.	Ensure specific information for the Amber Alert Activation is conveyed;
3.	Dispatch area patrols, as appropriate; and
4.	Broadcast specific information over radio communications - "BOLO".
5.	Update CJIS/NCIC record with "AA" flag to indicate activation of an AMBER ALERT.
6.	Ensure contact with National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800-843-5678. When flags "CA and "AA" are used in NCIC, NCMEC will contact the reporting Agency. This will also notify the FBI automatically.

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<b>Shift Supervisor</b>	The Shift Supervisor shall immediately:
	Complete the Massachusetts Amber Alert Activation Form;
	<b><u>Telephone and Fax</u></b> the Massachusetts Amber Alert Activation Form to the Massachusetts State Police General Headquarters Communications Section OIC; <b><u>Telephone (508-820-2121), FAX (508-820-2150)</u></b> . The numbers are also located on the form (attached and IMC Forms) and in IMC Quest under “Amber Alert”).
	Respond to the scene of the abduction; and
	Notify the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

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