




**Maryland-National Capital Park Police
Prince George's County Division**



DIVISION DIRECTIVE

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I. PURPOSE

This directive establishes the basic guidelines, procedures and criteria for the activation of the AMBER Plan Alert System.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Maryland-National Capital Park Police, Prince George's County Division to diligently investigate all reports of missing and/or abducted children. The Division will utilize the AMBER Plan Alert System in order to effectively use technology and the broadcast media to quickly disseminate information about abducted children to the public.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. The Maryland State Police (MSP) only upon request made by law enforcement will set the Maryland AMBER Plan in motion Statewide.
- B. The Operations Duty Officer or designee must confirm with the officer on the scene, investigative staff or other personnel with knowledge that all of the following criteria exists.
 - 1. Law Enforcement personnel have verified that a child under 18 years of age has been abducted.

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2. Law Enforcement personnel believe the circumstances surrounding the abduction indicate the child is in serious danger of bodily harm or death.
3. There is enough descriptive information about the child; adductor and/or suspect's vehicle to believe an immediate broadcast alert would help in locating the child.
4. The abductor and/or child are likely to still be in the Washington Metropolitan broadcast area.

Note: Non-custodial parental abduction without being able to articulate a reason to expect physical injury does not meet the MD AMBER Plan criteria.

- C. Upon meeting all of the above criteria, the Operations Duty Officer or other designee will advise Communications personnel to contact the Maryland State Police Headquarters Duty Officer and request activation of the Maryland AMBER Plan. Contact may be made by:

Telephone: 410-486-3101 or 800-525-5555 (in State only)

Facsimile: 410-653-4269

MILES Teletype: Terminal ID LPH

Internet access is also available. Communications personnel can enter all requested information into the designated website at www.MDAMBERplan.mdsp.org or request the MSP AMBER Plan Coordinator to enter the information. The information requested at the website is the information required to activate the MD Amber Plan.

- D. After the activation has been approved; MSP will enter the necessary information onto the AMBER Plan Web site and disseminate the lookout information to media contacts for broadcast. Information will be collected for NCIC, regional BOLO and AMBER Plan. This will include lookouts for Communications to broadcast to all Commission employees in the field.
- E. Communications must provide the Maryland State Police Headquarters Duty Officer with call back information and a point of contact for the MD AMBER Alert Coordinator to call for verification of Alert content.

IV. ACTIVATION REVIEW

As soon as practical after activation of Maryland AMBER Alert, the Coordinating Council members (of the MD AMBER Plan) will meet with Division personnel to review the implementation of the AMBER Plan and address any deficiencies. The Coordinating law enforcement agency (MSP) may invite other individuals to participate in the review process.

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