

	CLEARFIELD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / 9-1-1 Standard Operating Procedures	Initial:
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	Subject: Amber Alert Plan	

AMBER ALERT PLAN

Timely release of information (via the media) is critical to obtaining civilian information assistance. Law Enforcement has an obligation to use any and all tools at its disposal to bring about the best possible outcome in child abductions. This is a **child abduction** alert notification plan enacted by the State. The plan utilizes the emergency Alert System (EAS) to inform the public of an abduction by providing descriptive information about the child and the perpetrator, if known, to the public in the hope of enlisting public support in the search efforts.

1. Criteria:

The child should be under the age of 16, **OR** under the age of 18 **and** have a proven mental or physical disability; **and** police must believe the abducted child is in danger of serious bodily harm or death.

2. Activation Process:

- a. Police receive information of an abduction and initiate an investigation.
- b. Upon confirmation of an abduction meeting the criteria, police authorize entry into the CLEAN/NCIC missing persons file Involuntary, or Involuntary, Caution.
- c. Entry is made into CLEAN/NCIC using the EMI or EMIC screen. The MNP field should be manually changed to CA (in order to flag the entry and alert the FBI's Child Abduction unit). The contact person's name and phone number will be needed. PSP Harrisburg will receive the entry.
- d. PSP notifies BCI/CIA (Bureau of Criminal Investigation/Criminal Investigation Assessment) unit supervisor who confirms that the incident meets the activation criteria.
- e. PSP Harrisburg generates a CLEAN message to Local and State Law enforcement.
- f. PSP compiles EAS (Emergency Alert System) message, with the assistance of PEMA, to broadcast pertinent information to citizens via radio, television, and cable.