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Specific Call Procedures for Minors

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I. Purpose

In abductions, getting critical information out to as many people as possible as fast as possible is the best way to help bring about the minor's safe and swift return.

II. Policy

A. BCA issues Amber Alerts

The BCA has sole discretion to issue Amber Alerts.

B. Requesting an Amber Alert Broadcast

To request an Amber Alert Broadcast the following criteria must be met:

1. The missing minor is a victim of an abduction (parental or non-parental), and is 17 years of age or younger.
2. The minor is believed to be in imminent danger of serious bodily harm or death.
3. There is information available to disseminate to the general public, which could assist with the safe recovery of the victim or the apprehension of the suspect.
4. The missing minor has been entered in NCIC.

C. Activating the MN Crime Alert Network

In cases where Amber Alert criteria are not met but the general public, other law enforcement agencies, businesses and the media could assist in locating the missing individual, the BCA may activate the MN Crime Alert Network (MNCAN). To request activation of the MNCAN members should contact the BCA.

III. Procedures

A. Notify supervisor and begin search

In instances when an Amber Alert may be warranted, members shall notify their supervisor and begin an immediate search for the missing minor.

B. Notify Watch Commander or Car 710

If it is immediately known that all criteria for an Amber Alert are met, the on-scene supervisor shall notify the Watch Commander or Car 710. The Watch Commander or Car 710 will decide if an Amber Alert Broadcast should be requested, and shall coordinate Departmental notifications.

C. Contact BCA

To request an Amber Alert, a supervisor shall contact the BCA Communications Center at 651-793-7000 and request an Amber Alert Broadcast, providing the following information:

- When and where the minor was abducted.
- Description of the minor.
- Description of the abductor.
- Description of the vehicle, if involved.
- Last known direction of travel.
- Whether there is reason to believe the abductor has a relationship to the minor.
- Number to contact for general information or questions.
- NCIC number.