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# AMBER Alert Field Guide for Law Enforcement Officers

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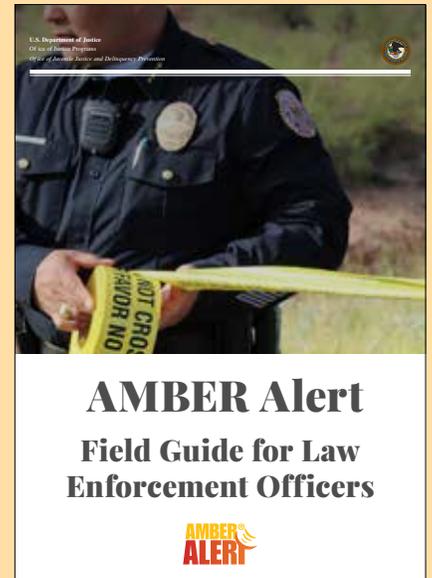
Reports of endangered missing and abducted children may be among the most challenging cases that first responders and investigators will ever experience. An immediate and comprehensive response makes it more likely that law enforcement will obtain evidence and information that might otherwise be lost during the critical, early stages of an investigation.

This guide is designed to help law enforcement act swiftly and decisively when confronted with these types of cases. Topics covered include the following:

- Initial on-scene response and investigation.
- Establishing and operating tips and leads.
- Search and recovery operations.
- Screening and training volunteers.
- Interacting with abduction victims' families.
- Managing the media.

Since 1996, the AMBER Alert program has helped bring nearly a thousand missing children home safely.

Through partnerships with law enforcement agencies, broadcasters, transportation agencies, and the wireless industry, AMBER Alerts convey information to authorities and the public that is critical to recovering a missing child. The AMBER Alert system is currently used in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Indian country, and across 27 countries.



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