

AMBER Alert  
Endangered Missing Advisory  
Blue Alert



# UTAH AMBER PLAN

Administered through Utah DPS  
Bureau of Criminal Identification



# Utah Background

- ◇ Utah adopted the AMBER Alert plan April 2, 2002
- ◇ Originally known as Rachael Alert
- ◇ Utah was the 9<sup>th</sup> state to adopt a statewide plan
- ◇ First Rachael Alert June 5, 2002
- ◇ 49 AMBER Alerts

# Utah AMBER Alert Entry





# Reminders



- ◆ MANDATORY
- ◆ Call DPSCIC at 801-503-5566 to let us know your agency may or will be sending an AMBER Alert (this number is for AMBER Alerts ONLY)
- ◆ Do not wait until you are sending the Alert to call DPSCIC- BCI notifies KSL, TOC, and DPS PIOs so they are ready
- ◆ The agency is responsible to enter, modify, and cancel their AMBER Alerts through UCJIS

# Reminders

- ◆ Only pertinent information should be added to the AMBER Alert (Information that will assist the media and the public)
- ◆ The AMBER Alert will stay active until it is cancelled (It does not expire)
- ◆ For general questions call DPSCIC at 801-965-4446

# Law Enforcement Sensitive Information

- ◇ NO Law Enforcement sensitive information should be added to the AMBER Alert e.g. social security numbers, addresses, sexual orientation or drivers license numbers or criminal history
- ◇ A broadcast message should be utilized instead

# Criteria for AMBER Alert

- ◇ Law enforcement believes it is a child abduction
- ◇ 17 years of age or younger
- ◇ Imminent danger, serious bodily injury or death
- ◇ Information to assist the public in the safe recovery of the victim or apprehension of the suspect



# Utah AMBER Alert Protocol

- ◇ Criteria is met
- ◇ Law enforcement authorization
- ◇ **MANDATORY call to DPSCIC (801-503-5566)**
- ◇ UAA (Utah AMBER Alert transaction in UCJIS) entered by agency or dispatch center
- ◇ AMBER Alert transmitted

# UAA Entry



**UCJIS**  
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UAAL

New Broadcast Message

Close All

UCJIS Home



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UCJIS

Utah Criminal Justice  
Information System

UAAL

Close All

New Broadcast Message

⚠ (1) You have a

Notice



Agencies must contact BCI at 801-503-5566 prior to issuing a Utah AMBER Alert

OK

UCJIS Home

# Agency Information

Query

Utah Amber Alert

## Authorization

ORI: \*

UTBCI0000-BCI - FIELD SERVICES

Agency Phone Number: \*

8019654686

Number the media and public can contact

Authorizing Administrator: \*

LT. DAN

Person responsible for authorizing the AMBER Alert  
e.g. Lieutenant, Chief or Sheriff

\* Do NOT activate an AMBER ALERT if the answer is NO to any of these questions.

\*\* The alert is not to be used for cases involving custodial disputes or runaways that don't meet the criteria.

\*\*\* This message will immediately go to law enforcement, the media, and the public.

Is this believed to be a child abduction?: \*

Yes

No

Is this child 17 years of age or younger?: \*

Yes

No

Is the victim believed to be facing imminent danger, bodily harm or death?: \*

Yes

No

Is there information that could assist the public in the safe recovery of the victim or apprehension of a suspect?: \*

Yes

No



# Abduction Information

Abduction Information

Exact time of the abduction

Abduction Date Time: \* MMDDYYYY HH MM AM

Abduction City Location: \* ENTER ABDUCTION LOCATION

Should not be the exact location of the abduction

Caution: \* ENTER CAUTION

Pertains to suspect or POI

Location of a photo of the child or children

ENTER NCIC #

ENTER IMAGE LOCATION

# Victim

Victim Information

First Name then  
Last Name

Victims:

Name: \*

AMBER ALERT

Age:

3

Weight: \*

050

Hair Color: \*

BLACK

Race: \*

UNKNOWN

Gender of  
Victim: \*

UNKNOWN

Clothing:

CLOTHING THE VICTIMS ARE WEARING.

Needs:

MEDICATION OR MEDICAL DEVICES

Type 'Unknown' if  
name is not available

If DOB is unknown,  
use 'Age' field to  
enter age or  
approximate age

DOB or age is  
required but not both

9 victims can  
be added

Personal Descriptors  
are in NCIC format

Free text

Medications,  
disabilities, other life  
threatening issues

# Suspect or Person of Interest

Personal Descriptors  
are in NCIC format

## Suspect / Person of Interest Information

Type:

Birth Date:

Height:

Hair Color:

Gender:

Clothing:

Name:

Age:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Race:

Marks:

Name can be  
'Unknown'

Includes SMTs and  
additional features

# Vehicle

All vehicle info is now free text

License Plate Number:

ABC

Can be partial plate

License Plate State:

Vehicle Make:

ENTER VEHICLE MAKE

Vehicle Year:

ENTER VEHICLE YEAR

Vehicle Style:

ENTER VEHICLE STYLE

Vehicle Model:

ENTER VEHICLE MODEL

Identifiers (such as:  
Dents and Dings):

PARTIAL PLATE      DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VEHICLE -  
RUST, MISMATCHED PAINT, CRACKED WINDOW CRACKED

Vehicle Color:

ENTER VEHICLE COLOR

Note partial plate in Identifiers

Additional info- Purple rabbit foot hanging from rear view mirror (commas, dashes etc. allowed)



# UAA Remarks


## Remarks

**Remarks:**

500 CHARACTERS. YOU CAN USE PERIODS AND COMMAS. MAKE SURE YOU ADD YOUR AGENCY NAME (UTAH BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION)

Submit

New Broadcast Message

 (18) UTAH A

Response



Amber Alert Submitted

OK

Marks:

SMT'S

License Plate State:

AR - ARKANSAS

# UTAH AMBER ALERT ACTIVATED



Inbox x



UCJIS\_MESSAGE\_SYSTEM@utah.gov

to UCJIS\_MESSAGE\_.



Categorize this message as:

Personal

UTAH AMBER ALERT ACTIVATED

ABDUCTION Date/Time/Loc: 02-13-2016 08:59 AM TALK ABOUT THIS

VEHICLE/ COLOR/ORANGE LIC/MYPLATE STATE/AR  
OTHER VEHICLE IDENTIFIERS/ORANGE RUST BUCKET. SIDE MIRRORS HANGING BY  
A THREAD

SUSPECT/JAKE FROM STATE FARM AGE/42  
HGT/503 WGT/210 HAIR/GRY EYE/BRO SEX/M RACE/U  
CLOTHING/KHAKIS  
OTHER IDENTIFIERS/SMT'S

VICTIM/TEST-AMBER ALERT AGE/3  
HGT/200 WGT/50 HAIR/BLK EYE/BRO SEX/U RACE/U  
CLOTHING/CLOTHING THE VICTIMS ARE WEARING.  
SPECIAL NEEDS/MEDICATION OR MEDICAL DEVICES

REMARKS/  
500 CHARACTERS. YOU CAN USE PERIODS AND COMMAS. MAKE SURE YOU ADD  
YOUR AGENCY NAME (UTAH BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION)

TEST FOR PRESENTATIONN

ORI/UTBCI0000  
AGENCY/BCIFS  
SUBMITTER/gmneilt  
AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR/LT. DAN  
PHONE/8019654686  
CAUTION/KNOWN TO CARRY WEAPONS  
IMAGE(S) AVAILABLE AT/USUALLY NOT USED



Click here to Reply or Forward

# UAAM

## Modify and Cancel

- ◆ Use the same transaction to modify and/or cancel the AMBER Alert
- ◆ Use this same process to modify the AMBER Alert multiple times



# UAAM

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## Amber Alerts

Abduction Date	Victim	Location	Issued By	Issued Agency	Issued Date	Issued ORI
02-20-2016 01:00	TEST-TEST ALERT	TEST	gmcneil	UPD	02-23-2016 14:41	UT0180000
02-25-2016 02:15	TEST-TEST SUBJECT	TEST BCI	gmcneil	UPD	02-25-2016 13:57	UT0180000
02-29-2016 12:30	TEST-TACO BELL	BCI	karen	SLCPD	02-29-2016 12:34	UT0180300
02-29-2016 12:15	TEST-TACO BELL	BCI	karen	SLCPD	02-29-2016 12:35	UT0180300
02-29-2016 12:30	TACO BELL	BCI	kkener	BCI	02-29-2016 12:49	UTBCI0000
02-29-2016 12:15	TEST-TACO BELL	BCI	karen	SLCPD	02-29-2016 12:51	UT0180300
02-29-2016 15:00	TEST-TEST	TEST	bshepley	DPSMIS	02-29-2016 15:02	UTBCI0024
02-29-2016 15:00	TEST-TEST	TEST	bshepley	DPSMIS	02-29-2016 15:13	UTBCI0024
03-09-2016 08:30	TEST-A	TEST	bshepley	DPSMIS	03-09-2016 08:39	UTBCI0024
02-13-2016 01:59	TEST-AMBER ALERT	TALK ABOUT THIS	gmcneilt	BCIFS	03-14-2016 09:55	UTBCI0000



### Utah Amber Alert

#### Authorization

Agency Phone Number: \*

8019654497

Authorizing Administrator: \*

KAREN KENER

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

# Modify

Identifiers  
(such as:  
Dents and  
Dings):

ENTER IDENTIFIERS ABOUT VEHICLE

## Remarks

Remarks:

STOLEN TACO STAND

Q Modify

Q Cancel

# Cancel

## Remarks

### Remarks:

THE AMBER ALERT FOR BCI IS BEING CANCELED. CHILD HAS BEEN LOCATED SAFELY.  
THANK YOU.

Q Modify

Q Cancel

A notice will appear asking if you want to cancel the AMBER Alert

# Cancellation Confirmation

The image shows a web application interface with a modal dialog box. The dialog box is titled "Response" and contains the text "Amber Alert Canceled" and an "OK" button. In the background, there is a "New Broadcast Message" form with the following fields:

Vehicle Year	License Plate State:	AR - ARKANSAS
Vehicle Model	Vehicle Make:	ENTER VEHICLE MAKE
	Vehicle Style:	ENTER VEHICLE STYLE

# Cancel

- ◆ Difficulty cancelling the AMBER Alert (error message or UCJIS issue)
  - ◆ Contact CIC immediately – BCI may need to force a cancellation
  - ◆ Document the error so BCI can follow up



# NCIC Entry

- ◇ The abducted child should be entered into NCIC (not mandatory before issuing the AMBER Alert)
- ◇ CA (child abduction) should be added in the MNP field until the AMBER Alert is issued
- ◇ After issuing the AMBER Alert, modify entry to AA (The caveat will then read: AMBER Alert issued for this child)

NLETS

Out of state requests

# NLETS AA

- ◆ Only DPSCIC has the ability to send an NLETS AMBER Alert
- ◆ If the Suspect or Person of Interest may travel out of state call DPSCIC at 801-965-4446 and request an NLETS AMBER Alert be issued to surrounding states or nationwide
- ◆ NIC number is mandatory

Endangered Missing  
Advisory  
EMA Transaction



# Endangered Missing Advisory

- ◇ Disseminates to media and law enforcement
- ◇ Missing or Endangered persons that do not meet AMBER criteria
- ◇ Endangered missing person of any age that requires urgency due to the circumstance
- ◇ The Endangered Missing Advisory cannot be over used

# EMA Guidelines

- ◇ Person is missing
  - ◇ Family believes circumstances are suspicious
- ◇ Person in danger
  - ◇ Age
  - ◇ Health
  - ◇ Mental Disability
  - ◇ Environment
  - ◇ Weather conditions
  - ◇ Accompanying dangerous person



# Endangered Persons

- ◆ Internet enticed
- ◆ Individual with Alzheimer's
- ◆ Missing college students
- ◆ Persons that have wandered away from care facilities
- ◆ Overdue travelers (weather)
- ◆ Autistic individuals



# Endangered Missing Advisory Process

- ◆ **Contact DPSCIC at 801-965-4446 to inform BCI the EMA is being issued/cancelled**
- ◆ **When the EMA is entered it disseminates to all LE**
  - ◆ **Unlike the AMBER Alert - any necessary information may be added to the EMA**

# Endangered Missing Advisory Process

- ◇ Before media receives the EMA - BCI removes LE sensitive information media should not have unless released by PIO
  - ◇ Driver's License Numbers
  - ◇ Social Security Numbers
  - ◇ Home phone numbers
  - ◇ Home addresses
- ◇ **BCI does not remove any information sent to law enforcement**

# EMA Transaction



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## Endangered Missing Alert Entry

### Originating Agency Identifier

ORI: \*

UTBCI0000-BCI - FIELD SERVICES

### Message Details

Destination(s): \*

Nothing selected

Message: \*

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Submit



Entry

## Endangered Missing Alert Entry

### Originating Agency Identifier

ORI: \*

UTBCI0000-BCI - FIELD SERVICES

### Message Details

Destination(s): \*

ALLLAW

Message: \*

ENDANGERED MISSING ADVISORY OPERATOR/GMCNEILT AGENCY/UTBCI0000 MON MAR 14 10:14:56 GMT-600 2016

Submit

Originating Agency Identifier

ORI: \*

UTBCI0000-BCI - FIELD SERVICES

Message Details

Destination(s): \*

ALLLAW

Message: \*



ENDANGERED MISSING ADVISORY  
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AUTISTIC MALE AGE 22. LEFT THE HOUSE LAST NIGHT AND DID NOT  
RETURN HOME. LIKES PARKS AND WOODED AREAS.

OPERATOR/GMCNEILT AGENCY/UTBCI0000 MON MAR 14 10:14:56 GMT-600 2016

Submit

# What Happens Now

- ◇ All Utah law enforcement receive the EMA
- ◇ Media signed up will receive it
- ◇ No TOC signs
  - ◇ (Unless warranted/serious)
- ◇ No email or cell phones will be activated

# Reminder

- ◆ The Endangered Missing Advisory cannot be over used
- ◆ If circumstances do not fit the criteria needed to issue an AMBER alert they may still fall within the guidelines of an Endangered Missing Advisory



# BLUE ALERT

Alert for Utah Law Enforcement



# Blue Alert Criteria

- ◇ Law enforcement officer killed, injured, or assaulted
- ◇ Imminent threat to public
- ◇ Information available for the public
- ◇ Dissemination of information will help avert further harm
- ◇ Your agency administration **MUST** approve this Alert

# Utah Definition of injured or Assaulted

- ◆ **Utah Criminal Code 76-1-601**

- ◆ (11) "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury that creates or causes serious permanent disfigurement, protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ, or creates a substantial risk of death.

Or

- ◆ (12) "Substantial bodily injury" means bodily injury, not amounting to serious bodily injury, that creates or causes protracted physical pain, temporary disfigurement, or temporary loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.

# Blue Alert Process

- ◆ **Contact DPSCIC at 801-965-4446** to inform BCI the EBA is being issued/cancelled
- ◆ Transmit in-state broadcast with EBA transaction through UCJIS/cancel same way
- ◆ BCI sends broadcast to Utah media via email

# EBA Transaction

The screenshot displays the UCJIS (Utah Criminal Justice Information System) interface. At the top, the UCJIS logo is on the left, and a search bar contains the text "EBAL", which is circled in red. To the right of the search bar is a "New Broadcast Message" button. Below the search bar is a "Close All" button. A "UCJIS Home" button is located below the search bar. The main content area shows a "Favorites" menu with a plus sign icon. The menu items are: Person, Vehicle, Article, Gun, Messaging, LOCAL, Alerts, Broadcast Messages, BCI Functions, Logs, MOTD, NLETS, Other, and Configuration. The "Alerts" item is expanded, showing a list of alert types: UAA - UAA Amber Alert, UAAM - Amber Alert Modify, EMA - Endangered Missing Advisory, EBA - Blue Alert, and UHS - UHS Utah Homeland Security Msg. Red arrows point to the "Messaging", "LOCAL", "Alerts", and "EBA - Blue Alert" items. The "EBA - Blue Alert" item is highlighted in green.

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EBAL

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EBAL

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Close All

UCJIS Home

EBAL ✖

Entry

### Blue Alert Entry

#### Originating Agency Identifier

ORI: \*

UTBCI0000-BCI - FIELD SERVICES

#### Message Details

Destination(s): \*

ALLAW

Message: \*

BLUE ALERT OPERATOR/HLEE AGENCY/UTBCI0000 MON JAN 08 09:02:21 GMT-700 2018

Submit



EBAL

New Broadcast Message

Close All

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EBAL ✕

Entry

### Blue Alert Entry

#### Originating Agency Identifier

ORI: \*

UTBCI0000-BCI - FIELD SERVICES

#### Message Details

Destination(s): \*

ALLLAW

Message: \*

BLUE ALERT  
BLUE ALERT TEST  
BLUE ALERT OPERATOR/HLEE AGENCY/UTBCI0000 MON JAN 08 09:16:18 GMT-700 2018

Submit



# What Happens Now

- ◇ All Utah law enforcement receive the Alert  
(BCI does not remove any information that goes out to law enforcement)
- ◇ Media signed up will receive it
- ◇ TOC signs may be activated based on circumstances
- ◇ Media may contact your agency for additional information

# Questions?

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