

# Utah Missing Person and Alerts

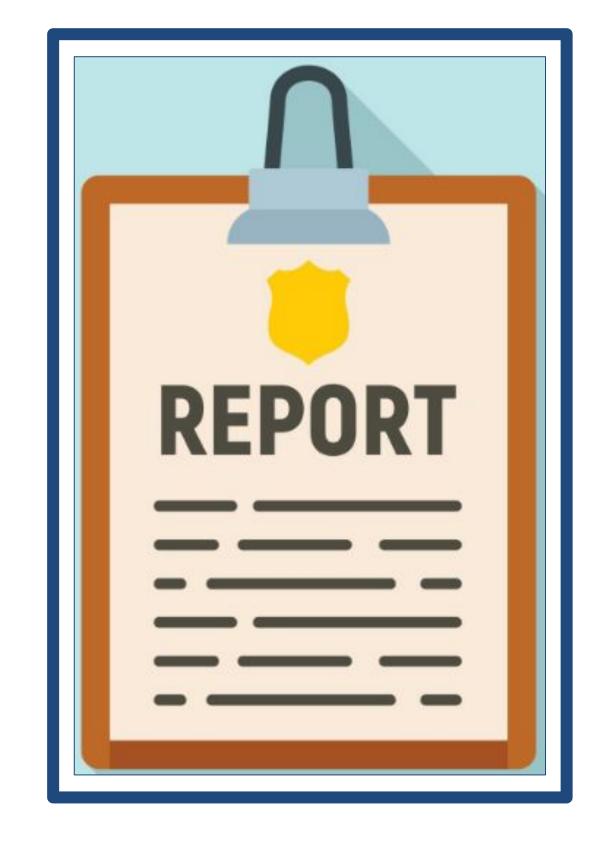
When should you activate?



Utah's Public Alerts and Missing Persons are administered through the Department of Public Safety, Utah Bureau Of Criminal Identification

# Criteria for Missing Person Entry

- Agency must have a missing person report on file to support a missing person entry.
- Missing person should be entered into UCJIS as soon as possible.







# **EM:** Message Key - Type of Missing Person

**Disability:** a person of any age who is missing and under proven physical/mental disability or is senile, thereby subjecting him/ herself or others to personal and immediate danger.

**Endangered:** a person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that his/her physical safety may be in danger.

**Involuntary**: a person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that the disappearance may not have been voluntary, i.e., abduction or kidnapping.

**Catastrophe Victim:** a person of any age who is missing after a catastrophe.

**Juvenile:** a person who is missing and not declared emancipated as defined by the laws of his/her state of residence and does not meet any of the entry criteria for the previously listed categories.

**Other:** A person not meeting the criteria for entry in any other category who is missing and

- 1. For whom there is a reasonable concern for his/her safety **or**
- 2. A person who is under age 21 **and** declared emancipated by the laws of his/her state of residence.





# Cautions

A caution indicator should be added when it is known that an individual is armed and dangerous, has suicidal tendencies, has previously escaped custody, is a drug addict, or whatever is appropriate to the particular circumstances of the individual.

#### **Code Translation**

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

OTHER

**VIOLENT TENDENCIES** 

**MARTIAL ARTS EXPERT** 

**EXPLOSIVE EXPERTISE** 

KNOWN TO ABUSE DRUGS

**ESCAPE RISK** 

SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR - CONTACT ORI FOR

**DETAILED INFORMATION** 

SEX OFFENDER

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT RISK

**HEART CONDITION** 

ALCOHOLIC

**ALLERGIES** 

**EPILEPSY** 

**SUICIDAL** 

MEDICATION REQUIRED

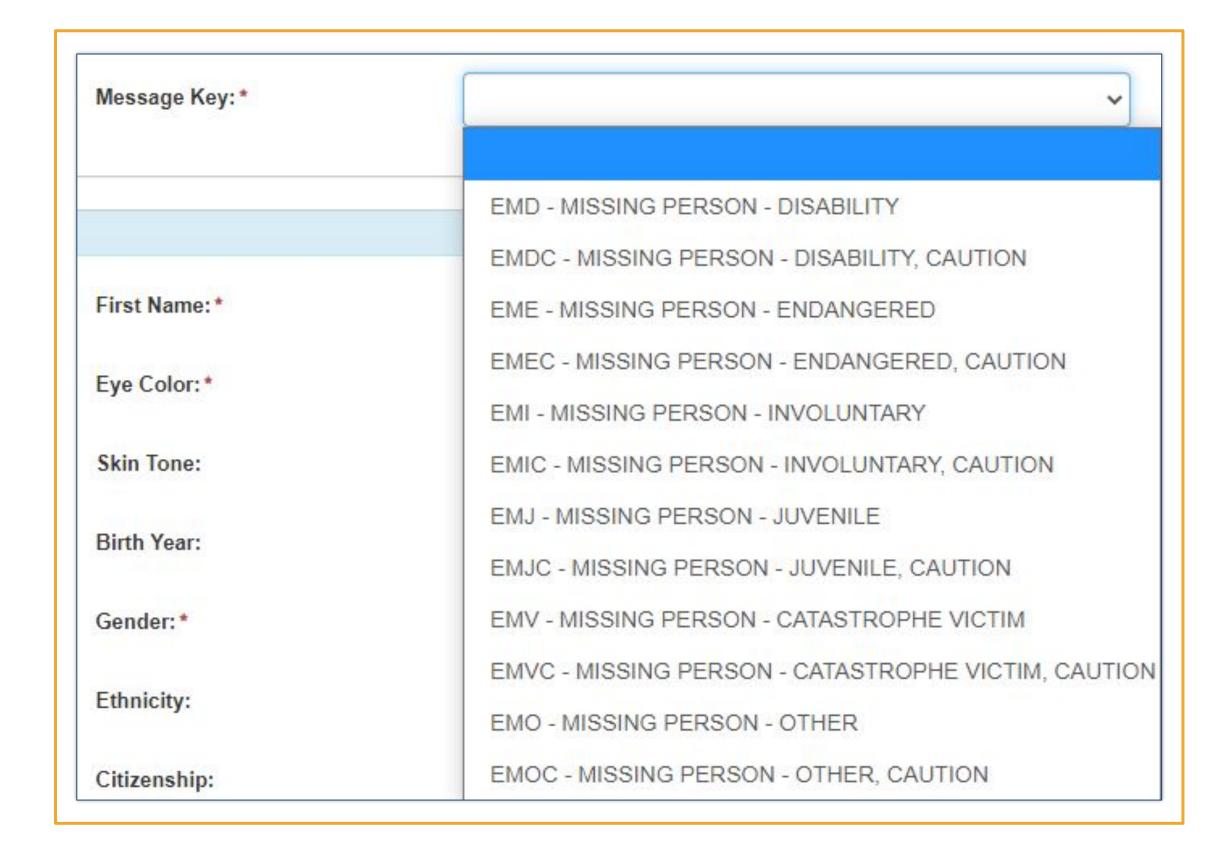
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DIABETIC





Remember, when entering a juvenile, the date of emancipation should be entered, even if the juvenile is not legally emancipated, in which case, the date the missing juvenile is turning 18 should be entered.







# Personal Descriptions - Required

- Name
- Eye and hair color
- Gender
- Race
- Height and weight

#### Names:

Complete names if available.

- Should not be abbreviated.
- If the name exceeds 30 characters, use initials of the middle name.

Persons with one name.

- Last name, comma, "X".
- (Prince, X).

Apostrophes are eliminated.

OBRIEN, ONEAL etc.

## **Compound Surnames:**

For compound surnames, the full name including both surnames should be entered. For Example:

\*Subject's Name - Jane Smith Jones (not hyphenated).

NCIC Name-SMITH JONES, JANE

\*Subject's Name - Jose Rodriguez y Gonzalez (Spanish letter Y used as a separator).





# **Packing the Record**

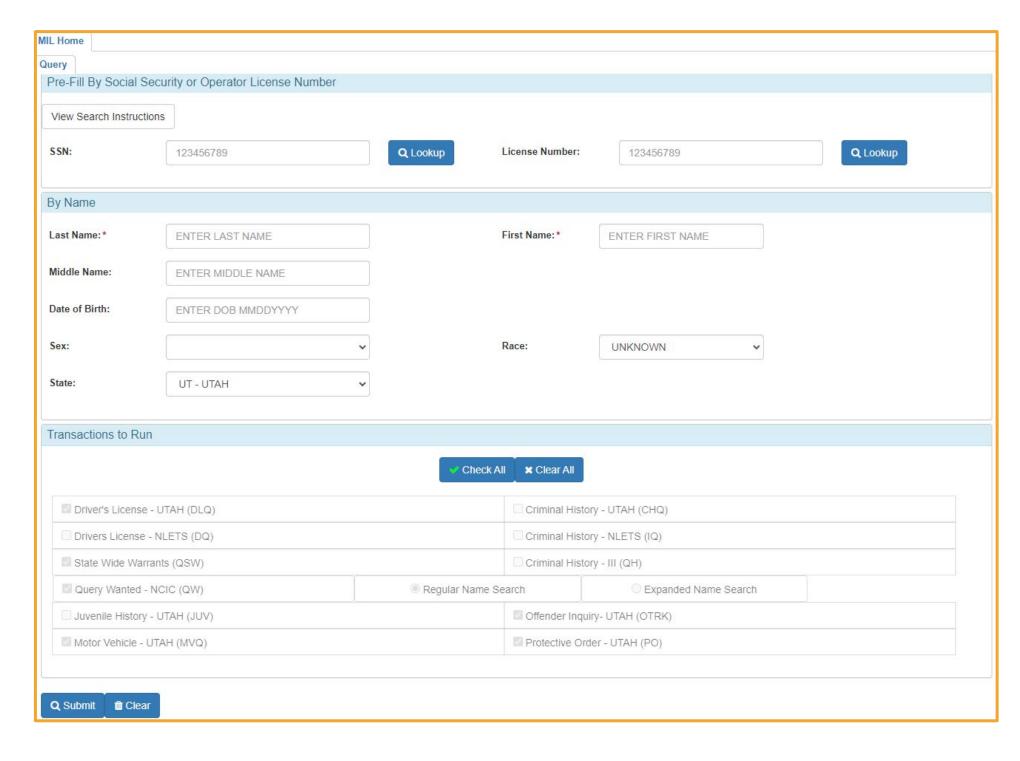
- Please pack record as much as you can
- Anything searchable should be added to the entry
  - Aliases
  - O OLN
  - FBI Number, etc
- Non-searchable information should be added as well
  - Jewelry
  - Scars, Marks, Tattoos
  - Cautions





# **Packing the Record**

- What can I use to pack information into the record?
  - All available UCJIS files
    - MIL Transaction
  - Agency case files
  - Social Media
  - Reporting party
  - Jail records
  - Court records
  - CAD/RMS history



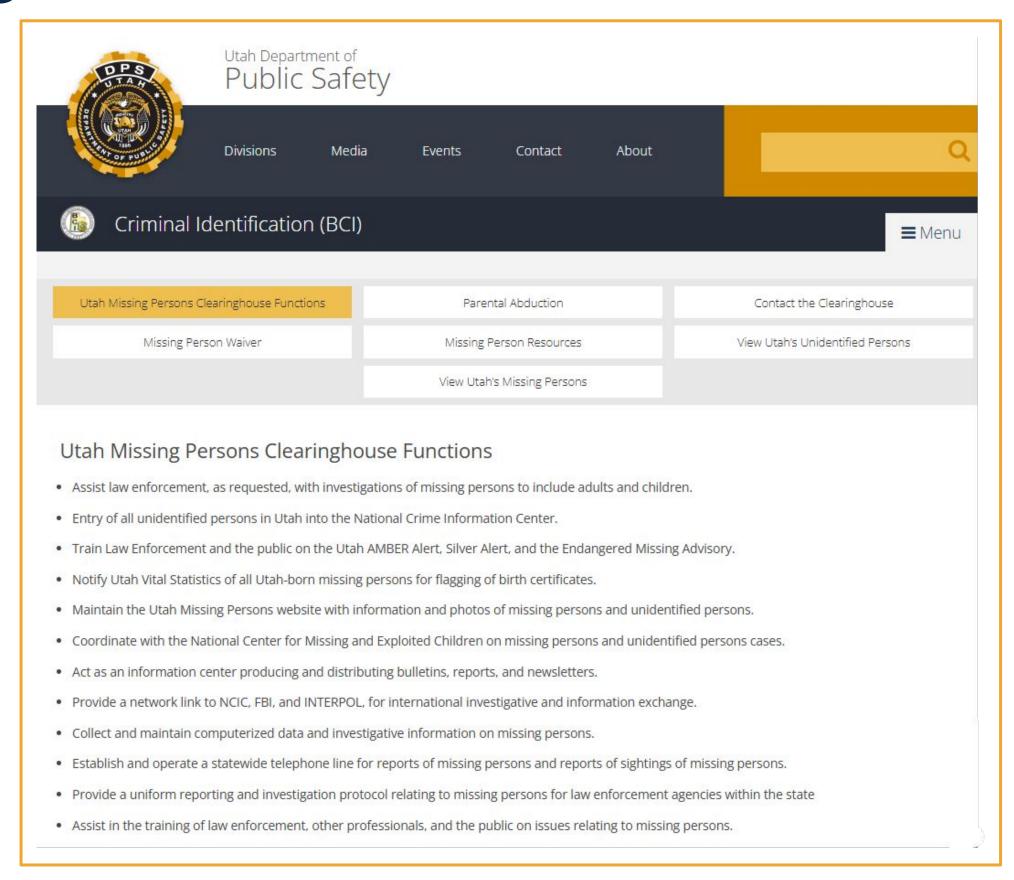




# Utah Missing Persons Website

The missing persons website for Utah can be found at: bci.utah.gov/missing-persons

- Resources
- Contact information
- Missing Person Waiver
- Missing persons bulletin
- Unidentified persons







# Would you like a missing person listed on the bulletin?

- Submit a Missing Person
   Waiver to BCI.
- What is needed:
  - Waiver filled out by family and LEA
  - Color photo
- Email to <u>ovaisima@utah.gov</u>
   and <u>mmartinez@utah.gov</u>

#### Criteria for Entry into the Utah Missing Persons Bulletin

The following guidelines must be met before information on a missing or unidentified deceased/living person can be entered into the Utah Missing Person Clearinghouse Bulletin/Web Site.

MISSING PERSON (Information on a Utah missing person or a person missing from another state but believed to be in Utah.)

- The parent, spouse or guardian must contact a law enforcement a missing person report. The missing person must be entered into the Information Center (NCIC) files by the law enforcement agency.
- A "Missing Persons Clearinghouse Report Form" must be signed, returned to the Utah Missing Person Clearinghouse, Department of Pu S 2700 W, Suite 1300, Taylorsville, UT 84129. Forms can be obtaine Clearinghouse.
- A current original photograph (color preferred) must be received by Person Clearinghouse. (Note: Do not write on the back of the photo.
- All information must be approved by the law enforcement agency re missing person report.
- The Utah Missing Person Clearinghouse personnel will obtain permis law enforcement phone number to contact in the event the person is lo sighting information is received by the Utah Missing Person Clearingh
- 6. In cases of parental abductions, a copy of the court-certified custody the reporting parent has custody must be received by the Utah Clearinghouse. (Note: If it is requested that the non-custodial parent-included in the bulletin, an active felony warrant must be present ir Information Center (NCIC) prior to publication of the photograph). Co investigating officer must be obtained.
- The parent, spouse, guardian or investigating officer must notify the Person Clearinghouse immediately of the location or return of the mis

#### UTAH MISSING PERSON CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT FORM/WAIVER

			MISSING PER	SON				
NAME: (LAST, F	irst, Middle)			ALIAS/NICKNAMES:				
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HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	HAIR COLOR:	EYE COLOR:	BUILD:	DRIVERS LICENSE	NUMBER		
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LAST KNOWN ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)			- 10	PHONE:		AGE		
HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	HAIR COLOR:	EYE COLOR:	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:				
DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER (Include state):			OCCUPATION:	OCCUPATION:				

TYPE/STYLE: COLOR

PARENT / GUARDIAN / SPOUSE

STREET ADDRESS:	CITY/STATE/ZIP:		
INVESTIGATING OFFICER-S NAME:	PHONE NUMBER:		
OTHER INFO	RMATION		
recovery of the person. If the person has been missing before, indicate where and I	A.		
IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS	APPLICABLE ENCLOSURES		
The completed Report Form should be signed by the parent/ guardian/spouse and mailed along with the applicable enclosures to: Department of Public Safety Utah Missing Person Clearinghouse 4315 \$ 2700 W, Suite 1300 Taylorsville, Utah 84129	Current photograph of the missing person.  In cases of parental abductions, a copy of the could certified custody order stating that the reporting pare has custody must be enclosed. (NOTE: If it is requested that the non-custodial parents photograph be included in the bulletin, a copy of the court-certific active felony warrant, which is presently in NCIC must be made available to Utah Missing Person Clearinghouse prior to publication of the photograph.		

The undersigned (Print name and relationship: parent, spouse, legal guardan, etc.)

hereby requests that his/her name, age, description, photograph (enclosed), and circumstances surrounding his/her missing status be published and circulated by any method subscribed to by the investigating agency or the Utah Department of Public Safety, Missing Person Clearinghouse, which includes, but is not limited to, dissemination to the public, other law enforcement agencies, hospitals, social services, children's shelters, medical examiners and/or other agencies involved with missing persons.

It is further understood and agreed that any and all information supplied by me shall be truthful, and I agree to hold harmless the Utah Department of Public Safety for any errors of omission or commission occasioned by misinformation I may supply.

I agree to hold harmless any agency or department using transmitting, or distributing this information for any errors whatsoever occasioned by misinformation I may supply and to indemnify the Utah Department of Public Safety, all law enforcement agencies, or other organization-s individuals, and contacts or sources of information, and undertake to hold harmless said entities from and against all legal liabilities, including defendants- cost for suits, claims, actions or damages that the reported missing person might prosecute against them.

I agree to notify the Utah Missing Person Clearinghouse and the investigating agency of any updated, new or additional information concerning, the missing person and/or his whereabouts and of any changes in my address or telephone number. I further agree that a photostatic copy of this authorization has the same effect as the original.

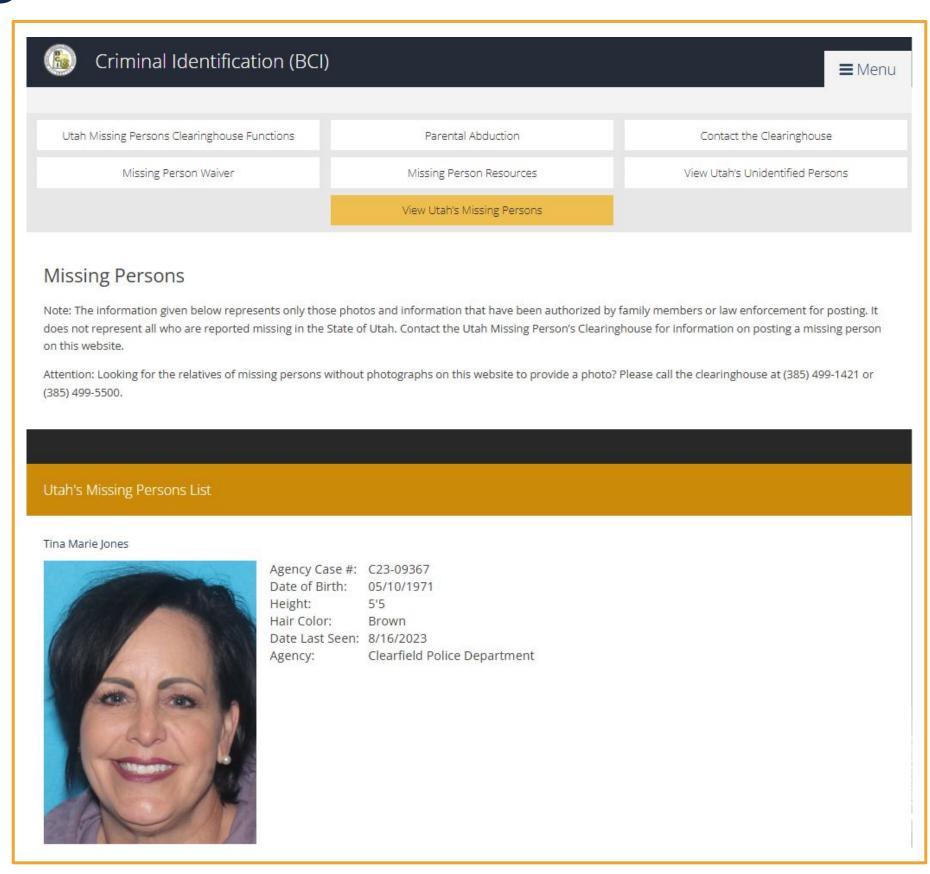
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DATE RECEIVED:	DATE CONFIRMED:	NIC NUMBER:	WEB PAGE UPDATED:	VERIFIED WITH AGENCY:	DATE CLEARED:	MISSING PERSON PACKET FILLED OUT:	





# Utah Missing Persons Bulletin

- Once the waiver is received,
   BCI will list the missing person as soon as possible.
  - You can find the list of missing persons under the "View Utah's Missing Persons" tab.







# Remember

BCI cannot add anyone to the Missing persons website without a signed waiver that includes the agency's missing person's report case number.

# **Utah Public Alerts:**

Currently, our state has 4 alerts available for the public. The purpose of these is to instantly activate the community to assist in the search and recovery of a missing person.

- Utah AMBER Alert
- Endangered Missing Advisory Alert (EMA)
- Silver Alert
- Blue Alert

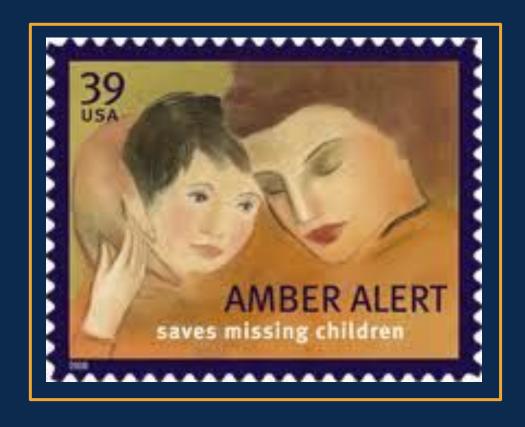






# AMBER Alert

The Utah AMBER Alert is part of the nationwide AMBER Alert Plan. It is a voluntary partnership between law-enforcement agencies and broadcasters. It utilizes electronic roadway signs, cell phones, and email as methods to alert the public about a missing child and a suspected abductor.







## **Protocol**

- Criteria is met.
  - Confidently answer yes to all 4 questions.
- Law enforcement authorization.
  - Agency's administrative lieutenant, chief, sheriff etc.
- Contact DPS CIC help desk before submitting alert @ 801-503-5566
  - Will need to provide point of contact information for AMBER Alert Coordinator to reach out.
    - Mandatory!
- UAA transaction on UCJIS entered by agency or dispatch center.





# What determines an AMBER Alert?

Law enforcement has to consider and confidently answer yes to ALL four items listed in the AMBER Alert criteria, before sending out an AMBER Alert.

If the criteria does not fit the AMBER Alert requirements, then the agency can consider issuing an Endangered Missing Advisory (EMA).

#### Criteria

- Law Enforcement believes a child or children have been abducted.
- The child or children are 17 years old or younger.
- Law Enforcement believes the victim(s) face imminent danger, serious bodily injury or death.
- There is information that could assist the public in the safe recovery of the victim or apprehension of a suspect.





#### **AMBER Alert: NLETS**

- ❖ If the Suspect or Person of Interest is believed to be traveling out of state with the child, you may call the CIC Help Desk at 801-965-4446 and request for them to issue an NLETS AMBER Alert to surrounding states or nationwide.
  - The CIC Help Desk are the only one that can activate the NLETS AMBER Alert.
  - AMBER Alert coordinators can reach out to other states' coordinators for guidelines in assistance activating alert in their respective state if necessary.





# **EMA** (Endangered Missing Alert)

The Endangered Missing Advisory Alert is to be used for endangered or missing persons of any age with urgent needs.

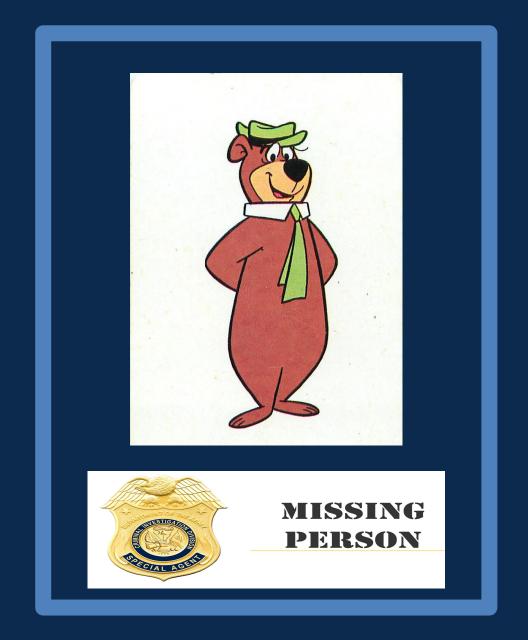
It is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement and local broadcasters to rapidly disseminate information to all of Utah law enforcement agencies, news media, and the public.

This is an alternative solution to situations that do not meet the AMBER Alert criteria.

It is a Utah statewide advisory only, but if the person is believed to be traveling outside of Utah, BCI can send a message using Nlets.







#### EMA's

#### Guidelines





- ❖ Do the circumstances fail to meet the criteria for an AMBER Alert?
- Is the person missing under unexplained, involuntary, or suspicious circumstances?
- Is the person believed to be in danger for any of the following?
  - Age
  - Health
  - Mental disability such as Autism or Alzheimer's
  - Environment
  - Weather conditions
  - In the company of a potentially dangerous person
  - Any other factor that may put the person in peril such as: Internet enticed, missing college student, and overdue hikers or travelers

## Procedure

- Once the issuing agency determines the guidelines have been met, they must contact the UCJIS Help Desk to let them know the alert is being issued, or cancelled.
  - **@**801-965-4446.
- Missing person should be added into NCIC.
  - Remember, entering a juvenile using the Endangered Runaway message key does not automatically activate the EMA Alert.
- After removing all sensitive information, the UCJIS Help Desk will send an email to all media, the media then decides if they want to broadcast the information.
  - Issuing agency can appoint a Public
     Information Officer (PIO) to handle the press,
     and release further information if needed.





## Dissemination

- EMA Alert is disseminated to law enforcement through a broadcast message.
  - UCJIS Help Desk will send out an email to the media after removing all sensitive information.
    - ◆ The media will choose if they broadcast the advisory.
    - ◆ If anything else should be shared with them, it should be done by the agency's PIO.
  - No emails or cell phones (WEA messages) will be activated.
  - No freeway signs will be activated unless warranted.





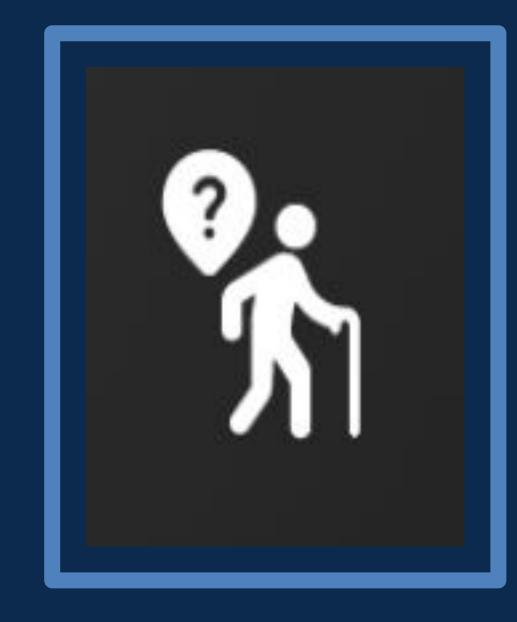
# SILVER Alert

Utah's Silver Alert went live in May 2019, and is an alert notification for missing endangered adults 60 years of age or older and/or individuals with Dementia or Alzheimer's of any age.

The Silver Alert is mandatory if the circumstances meet the criteria.

The Traffic Operations Center (TOC) will light up highway signage in the geographical area where the individual was last seen.

If the law enforcement agency feels more signage is necessary, they may request that by calling the UCJIS Help Desk.







#### Silver Alert

#### Criteria



- ❖ Individuals with Dementia or Alzheimer's of any age
  - This includes Autistic individuals of any age.
  - Mandatory if the situation fits the circumstances.

Utah's definition of endangered adult and dementia comes from Utah Criminal Code 53-10-702:

- (1) "Dementia" means a person has a form of cognitive decline that significantly affects the person's ability to make decisions and provide for health, safety, or self-care. This term includes Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia marked by the continual loss of memory and awareness of surroundings.
- (2) "Endangered adult" means a person 60 years of age or older or a person under 60 years of age who has a form of dementia.





# Procedure and Dissemination

- Once the issuing agency determines the guidelines have been met, alert must be issued in UCJIS.
- The Traffic Operations Center will light up signage in the area where the individual was last seen. If the law enforcement agency feels more signage is necessary they can request that by calling the UCJIS Help Desk.
  - **801-965-4446.**

\*Please remember no Law Enforcement sensitive information should be added to the Silver Alert e.g. social security numbers, addresses, sexual orientation, driver's license numbers or criminal history, if such information needs to be shared please use a broadcast message to share between agencies.





# **BLUE Alert**

The Blue Alert system is to help law enforcement with the means to speed the apprehension of violent criminals who kill or seriously injure local, state, or federal law enforcement officers, personnel, and the community.

It is a cooperative effort between the Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, the Division of Emergency Management, broadcasters, law enforcement agencies, and the general public.

It is a Utah statewide alert only. If it is believed that the suspect is leaving Utah, please issue an AM message through Nlets.







## Blue Alert

#### Criteria



- The serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer in the line of duty or,
- An officer who is missing in connection with the officer's official duties or,
- An imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer.

#### **Utah's definition of injured or assaulted from Utah Criminal Code 76-1-601:**

(11) "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury that creates or caused 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.





# Procedure and Dissemination

- Agency administrator must approve the alert before it is entered into UCJIS.
- The issuing agency must contact the UCJIS Help Desk at 801-503-5566 to inform them that a Blue Alert is being issued.
- All Utah law enforcement agencies will receive a New Broadcast Message.
- UCJIS Help Desk will email the Media.
- The Media who requested to be notified will broadcast the message.
- The Traffic Operations Control (TOC) may activate the freeway signs if warranted.





# Resources

- Utah CART Team:
  - At your disposal if your agency issues an AMBER Alert, and/or EMA (minors)
  - Can assist your agency with logistic, intel, investigation, etc.
  - Available 24/7
- SIAC's Automatic License Plate Recognition System (ALPR)
   If your agency needs assistance locating a vehicle you can contact SIAC at their on call number 801-965-3838
- NCMEC

Will be automatically notified once missing person is changed to AA in NCIC

1-800-the-lost (1-800-843-5678) https://www.missingkids.org





#### **Websites and Contact Information:**

AMBER Alert Webpage: <a href="https://alert.utah.gov/">https://alert.utah.gov/</a>

Utah Silver Alert Webpage: <a href="https://silveralert.utah.gov/">https://silveralert.utah.gov/</a>

BCI Missing Persons Website: <a href="https://bci.utah.gov/missing-persons/">https://bci.utah.gov/missing-persons/</a>

**BCI** Website:

https://bci.utah.gov/utah-amber-alert-and-missing-person-advisory/

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# THANK YOU