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Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Chairs, Police Services Boards**FROM:**Stephen Waldie
Assistant Deputy Minister
Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division**SUBJECT:****Ontario AMBER Alert Program**

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At the request of Thomas Carrique, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), I am sharing a communication regarding the AMBER Alert Program in Ontario.

Please review the attached letter from Commissioner Carrique, which provides details on the program and includes a revised AMBER Alert Request Form. If you require further information, please contact Inspector Angie McCollum, Commander, Community Safety Services, at angie.mccollum@opp.ca, or Staff Sergeant Stacey Whaley, Manager – Initiatives, Community Safety Services, at stacey.whaley@opp.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Waldie".

Stephen Waldie
Assistant Deputy Minister
Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division

Attachment

Ontario Provincial Police



Police provinciale de l'Ontario

Thomas Carrique

Commissioner

Le Commissaire

File #: OPP-7900

August 12, 2019

Mr. Stephen Waldie
Assistant Deputy Minister
Public Safety Division
Public Safety Training Division
Ministry of the Solicitor General
Email: Stephen.Waldie@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Waldie:

The Ontario AMBER Alert program continues to play a crucial role in assisting police in many child abduction investigations. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is responsible for activating AMBER Alert requests within the Province of Ontario. If a child is reported as being abducted, and the case meets the required guidelines, the investigating police service can request the OPP to issue an AMBER Alert by completing an AMBER Alert activation form.

Before an AMBER Alert is issued, all of the following guidelines must be met:

1. Law enforcement agency believes a child under 18 years of age has been abducted, and;
2. Law enforcement agency believes the child is in danger, and;
3. There is descriptive information about one or more of the following:
 - child
 - abductor
 - vehicle
4. To believe an immediate broadcast alert will help in locating the child.

The description of the child (and, if available, the alleged abductor or involved vehicle) are then immediately broadcasted on through a variety of approved systems. It is important to note that the OPP Provincial Operations Centre is always willing to consult in the earliest stages of a potential AMBER Alert situation if police are unsure if a case meets the required criteria.

It is required that all Ontario police services replace all existing AMBER Alert Request forms with the revised version attached to this memo.

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Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a smaller, more complex mark.

Thomas Carrique, M.O.M.

Attachment

ONTARIO AMBER ALERT REQUEST FOR ACTIVATION



Please forward completed request by email using the **SUBMIT** button provided.

Please confirm receipt by telephone at 705-329-6950.

Email photograph, when available, to the OPP Provincial Operations Centre at OPP.POC@opp.ca

GUIDELINES FOR AN AMBER ALERT

- ☐ 1) The law enforcement agency believes a child under 18 years of age has been abducted; and
- ☐ 2) The law enforcement agency believes the child is in danger; and
- ☐ 3) There is enough descriptive information about one or more of the following: the child, the abductor, and/or the vehicle, which is sufficient to allow the law enforcement agency to believe that an immediate broadcast alert will help in locating the child.

INVESTIGATING POLICE AGENCY

Police Agency Name			
Approver	(Must be Inspector or Above)	Phone	
Media Contact Name		Phone	

VICTIM INFORMATION (if not available indicate N/A)

First Name			Last Name		
Date of Birth			Age		Gender <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Physical Description					
Height	ft	in	Eye Colour		Facial Hair
Weight	lbs	Skin Colour		Glasses	
Clothing Description – TYPE AND COLOUR					
Shirt				Pants	
Shoes				Outerwear	
Additional Significant Identifiers					
Photo Available	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Parent/Guardian consent obtained for release of victim's personal information		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

ABDUCTOR INFORMATION *(if not available indicate N/A)*

First Name				Last Name				
Date of Birth				Age		Gender	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	
Physical Description								
Height	ft	in	Eye Colour		Facial Hair		Hair Colour/Length	
Weight	lbs		Skin Colour			Glasses		
Clothing Description – TYPE AND COLOUR								
Shirt					Pants			
Shoes					Outerwear			
Additional Significant Identifiers								
Photo Available	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No							
Vehicle Description								
Year		Make		Model		Type		
Colour		Licence Plate Number				Province or State		

INCIDENT INFORMATION *(if not available indicate N/A)*

Incident Time	
Location	
Direction of Travel	
Possible Destination	
Other Pertinent Information	
Provincial Alert?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

PRINT**SUBMIT**