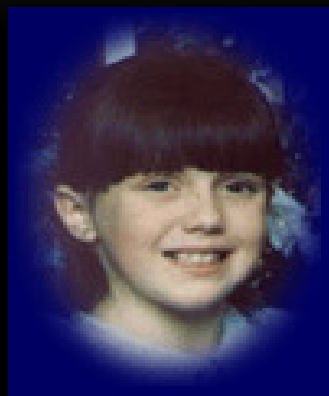




STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS ENDANGERED
MISSING PERSON ADVISORY

www.amberillinois.org

AMBER ALERT-CREATED IN 1997



Amber Hagerman

- 9 years old
- Arlington, Texas
- Kidnapped while riding bicycle
January 1996
- Brutally murdered
- Found 4 days later in drainage
ditch
- Case Unsolved

WHAT IS THE AMBER ALERT?

What the AMBER Alert IS:

- A tool for law enforcement.
- A voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies and broadcasters to activate an immediate bulletin in the most serious child *abduction* cases.
- An emergency message broadcast through the **National Weather Service NOAA radio**, same concept used during severe weather emergencies, to air a description of the abducted child, suspect, and vehicle information.

HOW IT WORKS IN ILLINOIS

The following criteria must be met:

1. Law enforcement must confirm a child has been abducted.
2. The child must be under the age of 16 or have a proven mental or physical disability.
3. Law enforcement must believe the child is in danger of serious bodily harm or death.
4. There is enough descriptive information about the child, abductor, and/or suspect's vehicle to believe an immediate broadcast alert will help.

ENDANGERED MISSING PERSONS ADVISORY

- Created January 1st, 2010
 - Used as an additional public safety alert
- Combines various Alerts into one alert:
 - Silver Alerts
 - Blue Alerts
 - Red Alerts

WHAT IS THE ENDANGERED MISSING PERSON ADVISORY?

The Endangered Missing Advisory IS:

- A tool for law enforcement.
- A voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies and broadcasters to activate an immediate bulletin in the most serious child *abduction* cases.
- A way to get the story out in an effort to use the public as an investigative tool



HOW IT WORKS IN ILLINOIS

The following criteria must be met:

1. A person is missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances
2. The person is believed to be in danger because of age, health, mental or physical disability, environment, weather conditions, or in the company of a potentially dangerous person or some other factor that may expose a person to possible harm or injury.
3. Public information is available that could assist in the safe recovery of the person.
4. The circumstances do not fit the criteria of an AMBER Alert

CRITERIA REVIEWED: AMBER

- ISP AMBER Coordinator reviews information immediately with the requesting agency to assure the *criteria* are met.
- Statewide activation begins
- Activation in other states, if warranted

CRITERIA REVIEWED: ENDANGERED MISSING

- *Law enforcement determines the alert based on their policies or investigative process*
- *Statewide activation begins*
- *A flier is sent to other states, if requested by local law enforcement*

DISSEMINATION OF THE ENDANGERED MISSING ADVISORY

- Advisory is delivered to over 2,200 media outlets across Illinois and our bordering states.
- The alert is posted to Illinois state websites and the Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force website.
- Social media is used to disseminate the advisory.
- Other not for profit agencies:
 - Lets Bring them Home
 - America's Missing Adults
 - The Kristen Foundation

MEDIA BROADCASTS OF ADVISORY

- Media outlets receive the advisory and immediately supply the listening public information about the endangered person.
 - Voluntary compliance
 - Read by news personnel
 - Scripted on television screens



MISSING PERSON

ROBIN RENE ABRAMS



Endangered Missing Adult

Born: 08-13-1962; Gender: Female; Height: 64 inches; Weight: 125 lbs; Eyes: Hazel; Hair: Brown; Race: White; Identifying Marks: Pierced ears.; Last Seen Wearing: White long sleeved knit pullover, black slacks, black patent leather shoes, black leather jacket, carrying a small light beige patterned clutch purse.; Circumstances of disappearance: Unknown. Last seen at approximately 4:00pm on Goodenow Rd. in Beecher, IL. Her vehicle, described as a red 1989 Dodge Daytona hatchback was located in Harvey, IL.; Investigative Case #: 90-F6393;

MISSING OCTOBER 04, 1990 FROM BEECHER, IL

Anyone having information regarding ROBIN RENE ABRAMS please contact:

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE

1-815-726-6291

The National Center for Missing Adults

A Division Of Nation's Missing Children Organization, Inc.
PO Box 6389, Glendale, Arizona 85312 Tel: 602-749-2000 Fax: 602-749-2020 Hotline: 800-690-FIND
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT [HTTP://WWW.THEYAREMISSED.ORG](http://WWW.THEYAREMISSED.ORG)

THE PUBLIC GETS INVOLVED

- The AMBER Alert message encourages the public to look for the endangered Missing person, suspect, and/or vehicle.
- The public becomes the eyes and ears of law enforcement.
- If a missing person, suspect, or vehicle matching the descriptions in the alert are sighted, a 9-1-1 call is placed to notify authorities.

HOW CAN YOU HELP LAW ENFORCEMENT

- If a patient or someone under your care goes missing, report it to law enforcement immediately.
 - Time is our enemy.
- Keep information on file about the person that will be helpful to law enforcement.
 - A updated picture
 - Any distinguishing marks or tattoos
 - If there is an illness or disability, what kind and what are the tendencies of person. Is there anything special the person feels safe with?
 - Any history of running away

HOW CAN YOU HELP LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Has fingerprints/DNA or other identification samples been collected?
- Does the person have a cell phone or monitoring device?
- A timeline for last contact with the missing person?

THE FUTURE

New technologies are continually explored to make the process more efficient . . .

. . . to connect law enforcement agencies more effectively with the media.

. . . to expedite the message to the public

. . . to save one more child!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

911 TC/Call Takers are a critical first link, often 1st responders

- Establish Policy & Procedures for Missing Persons
 - Make the report as soon as possible, Don't delay
 - Establish a law enforcement contact
 - Run mock drills/exercises
 - Train staff in procedures for dealing with a missing person
 - Have pictures and information available on all patients
 - Specifically identify any medical needs/ behaviors to law enforcement

AMERICA'S MISSING BROADCAST EMERGENCY RESPONSE

State of Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force

www.amberillinois.org

800/843-5763

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

www.missingkids.com

800/843-5678

National AMBER Alert – U.S. Department of Justice

www.amberalert.gov

AMERICA'S MISSING BROADCAST EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Additional Resources:

Illinois State Police Zone Investigations

Illinois State Police SCC – 217-786-6677

STIC/Clearinghouse for Missing Persons – 1-800-843-5763

National Center for Missing Adults – 1-800-690-3463

A Child is Missing – 1-888-875-2246

The National Runaway Switchboard – 1-800-786-2929



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MANAGER AND STATEWIDE AMBER ALERT
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