

# Ohio Amber Alert Steering Committee

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### **Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee Hosts AMBER Alert Conference**

Columbus, OH – The Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee is hosting the 2009 Ohio AMBER Alert Conference on January 30. The event will be held at the Ohio Department of Transportation Auditorium, 1980 West Broad Street.

The purpose of the conference is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's ability to save the lives of missing children and adults through collective and coordinated preparedness efforts. The conference's target audience is the state's regional and local AMBER plans, Ohio Child Abduction Response Teams (CART) leaders, and Ohio law enforcement agencies.

“This conference is the perfect opportunity for local AMBER-supporting agencies and organizations to meet and receive the most current information on programs and plans available in finding missing or abducted children and special needs adults,” said Mark Patchen, chair of the Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee and Technical Support division director of Ohio EMA. “Important topics will be presented for participants to better support efforts to safely find and recover missing or exploited children.”

Agenda items include:

- Resource and Secondary Distribution Presentation by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)
- Panel presentation by State AMBER Plan Committee Members
- Missing Adult Alert and Missing Child Alert Overview
- Implementation of Missing Children and Adult Alerts
- Introduction of Local CART
- Investigation of a Missing Child – Case Study

For additional information on the 2009 Ohio AMBER Alert Conference, visit the Ohio's AMBER Plan Web site at [www.ohioamberplan.org/press.aspx](http://www.ohioamberplan.org/press.aspx). Scroll down to the 2009 AMBER Alert Conference.

*Ohio's AMBER Plan is a cooperative public service alert to safely recover abducted children.*