

CHAPTER 4
SILVER ALERT
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1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to establish policy and procedures associated with a Silver Alert. The goal of a Silver Alert is to provide information to the public via media broadcasts and other notification resources to solicit help from the public in the safe recovery of the missing person.

2. GENERAL.
 - a. Background. Senate Bill 1047 established Section 8594.10 of the California Government Code (GC), which makes a local law enforcement agency investigating a missing person's case responsible for determining whether the Silver Alert requirements have been met before requesting an alert. If the CHP concurs that the requirements for an alert have been met, the Department shall activate a Silver Alert within the geographical area requested by the investigating law enforcement agency.

3. SILVER ALERT CRITERIA. In accordance with Section 8594.10 GC, a law enforcement agency may request a Silver Alert be activated if the agency the following conditions are met:
 - a. **The missing person is 65 years of age or older, developmentally disabled, or cognitively impaired.**

 - b. **The investigating law enforcement agency has utilized all available local resources.**

 - c. **The law enforcement agency determines the person has gone missing under unexplainable or suspicious circumstances.**

 - d. **The law enforcement agency determines the person is in danger because of age, health, mental or physical disability, environment or weather conditions, the person is in the company of a potentially dangerous person, or other factors indicating the person may be in peril.**

 - e. **There is information available that, if disseminated to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the missing person.**

4. PROCEDURES. All requests for a Silver Alert activation or assistance, shall be forwarded to the Emergency Notification and Tactical Alert Center (ENTAC).

Department personnel shall not activate a Silver Alert without the approval of ENTAC.



5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Departmental Employees. Any on-duty employee who receives an initial report of a missing person who is 65 years of age or older, developmentally disabled, or cognitively impaired, shall immediately report it to their supervisor.

(1) Department employees should follow policy and procedures for missing persons outlined in Highway Patrol Manual 100.69, General Law Enforcement Policy Manual, Chapter 6, Missing Persons.

b. Supervisors. Upon notification of an incident that meets the criteria for a Silver Alert, supervisors shall notify the appropriate CHP communications center and request ENTAC be notified. If the incident occurred in another CHP Area, the on-duty supervisor for the CHP Area in which the incident occurred shall also be notified.

(1) Supervisors shall ensure that the appropriate law enforcement agency with investigative authority is notified immediately.

c. Area Commanders.

(1) Area commanders shall ensure all personnel are made aware of Silver Alert policies, as well as any related local standard operating procedures.

(2) Area commanders shall meet with their counterparts in local allied law enforcement agencies to discuss Silver Alert criteria, notification processes, and departmental resources available to assist during a Silver Alert.

d. Division Commanders.

(1) Division commanders shall ensure all employees within their command are familiar with the policy and notification procedures associated with Silver Alerts.

e. Communications Centers.

(2) Under no circumstances will a communications center initiate a Silver Alert without the express approval of ENTAC.

6. DEPARTMENTAL RESOURCES. To provide the highest level of public broadcast and maximum dissemination, the Department may assist local law enforcement with dissemination of Silver Alert information through secondary notifications systems. These notification systems are discretionary and activated at the discretion of ENTAC with input from the investigating agency. These systems include, but are not limited to:

- a. Wireless Emergency Alerts
- b. Social media posts

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