

# INFORMATION BULLETIN



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## Endangered Missing Advisory Program

The purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to provide law enforcement agencies with information about the Endangered Missing Advisory program.

### BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill 946, signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom, establishes 8594.11 of the Government Code (GC) and authorizes an Endangered Missing Advisory (EMA) program beginning January 1, 2024. An EMA is activated when there is a suspicious disappearance of an at-risk missing child or other endangered person(s).

Government Code 8594.11(c) specifies the following criteria must be met for the issuance of an EMA:

- (1) The missing person is developmentally disabled, cognitively impaired, has been abducted, or is unable to otherwise care for themselves, placing their physical safety at risk.
- (2) The investigating law enforcement agency has utilized all available local resources.
- (3) The law enforcement agency determines that the person has gone missing under unexplainable or suspicious circumstances.
- (4) The law enforcement agency believes that the person is in danger because of age, health, mental or physical disability, or environment or weather conditions, that the person is in the company of a potentially dangerous person, or that there are other factors indicating that the person may be in peril.
- (5) There is information available that, if disseminated to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the missing person.



## **TOOLS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR AN EMA ALERT**

The CHP has designated the Emergency Notification and Tactical Alert Center (ENTAC) as the alerting authority for all EMAs. Law enforcement agencies can contact ENTAC directly or via their local CHP Area or communications center.

Based on the specific circumstances of the incident, ENTAC may provide the following assistance:

- Social Media Flyer Distribution—@chpalerts.
- Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)—When appropriate, WEA capable devices within a targeted geographic area would receive an emergency alert message with an embedded hyperlink to additional information and photographs.
- California Law Enforcement Telecommunications Center Broadcast.
- Changeable Message Signs (CMS)—In cooperation with the California Department of Transportation, CMS may be activated within limited geographic regions, when appropriate.
- Investigative Assistance.

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Law enforcement agencies should establish policies and procedures for requesting activation of an EMA by the CHP. Some of the items for inclusion in agency-specific policies and procedures are:

- The GC conditions for when an EMA Alert can be activated.
- The contact information for ENTAC.

Questions regarding this IB should be directed to the Counterterrorism and Threat Awareness Section, ENTAC, at (916) 843-4199.

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