When to Issue a Blue Alert

Blue Alerts may be issued when

- a request has been made by a law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction over the incident in question, and
- one of the following three sets of threshold criteria have been met:

1. **Death or serious injury of a law enforcement officer in the line of duty**
   - The agency confirms that a law enforcement officer has been
     - killed;
     - seriously injured; or
     - attacked and with indications of death or serious injury.
   - Any suspect involved has not been apprehended.
   - There is sufficient descriptive information of the suspect, including any vehicle and license tag information.

2. **Threat to cause death or serious injury to a law enforcement officer**
   - The agency confirms that the threat is imminent and credible.
   - At the time of receipt of the threat, any suspect involved is wanted by a law enforcement agency.
   - Any suspect involved has not been apprehended.
   - There is sufficient descriptive information of the suspect, including any vehicle and license tag information.

3. **Law enforcement officer missing in connection with official duties**
   - The agency concludes that the law enforcement officer is missing in connection with the officer’s official duties.
   - There is an indication of serious injury to or death of the law enforcement officer.
   - Any suspect involved has not been apprehended.
   - There is sufficient descriptive information of the suspect, including any relevant vehicle and license tag information.

1. The voluntary guidelines for issuing a Blue Alert are established by statute at 42 U.S.C. §§ 14165b(b)(2)(D)-(E).

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