

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

LCB File No. R021-12

Nevada Silver Alert System Program Information and Criteria

History

- In response to the legislation enacted by the Nevada Legislature on Senate Bill 245, the Nevada Department of Public Safety has implemented the Silver Alert System as a voluntary means to assist law enforcement in the recovery of missing and endangered senior citizens of the State. The Silver Alert System resembles that of the (Amber Alerts) used to locate abducted and endangered children utilizing notification technologies, with the exception of EAS, to alert the public.
- The Nevada Silver Alert System is tool intended to add additional support and resources in locating Missing Endangered Senior Citizens, and is not intended to bifurcate any law enforcements established procedures in locating missing persons of any kind.

State Sliver Alert Criteria

- A person 60 years of age or older whose whereabouts are unknown: **AND**
- Is diagnosed with a medical or mental health conduction that places the person in danger of serious physical harm or death; **OR**, who is missing under suspicious or unexplained circumstances that place the person in danger of serious physical harm or death. (Law enforcement shall require the family or legal guardian of the missing senior citizen to provide documentation from a medical mental health professional of the senior citizen's condition): **AND**
- The senior citizen's domicile is in Nevada: **AND**
- An investigation by a local Law enforcement agency has taken place verifying that the disappearance is due to his/her impaired mental condition, and alternative reasons for the seniors disappearance have been ruled out: **AND**
- The Silver Alert request is within 72 hours of the senior citizen's disappearance: **AND**
- There is sufficient information available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating the senior citizen. (Highway signs will only be activated if accurate vehicle information is available, **AND** it is confirmed that the senior citizen was driving the vehicle at the time of the disappearance, **OR** the senior citizen was unlawfully taken by a suspect(s) and the senior citizen is believed to be in danger of serious physical harm or death, **AND** accurate vehicle information is available).

How to Request Activation of the Silver Alert System

- Requests for activation of the system must come from the law enforcement agency taking the report of the missing endangered senior citizen.
- The requesting agency is required to take the following actions:

- Completely fill out the **Sliver Alert System Activation Request Template** located in NLETS as an Administrative Message (similar to the Amber Alert) and send to the appropriate LEO's.
- The missing senior citizen must be entered into N.C.I.C.
- Upon receipt of the NLETS as an Administrative Message, the DPS Communications Center will insure that all criteria have been meet.
- Immediately notify the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Communications Center to deactivate the alert.
- All alerts will be activated for a period of 24 hours and then cancelled unless an extension is requested and granted.
- DPS Communications Center Contacts:
 - Southern Nevada, **Las Vegas**
 - Fax #: 702-486-4297
 - Phone # 702-486-4100 (ext 6)
 - Central Nevada, **Elko**
 - Fax #: 775-773-1296
 - Phone # 775-753-1171
 - Northern Nevada, **Reno**
 - Fax #: 775-687-0487
 - Phone # 775-687-0400

Activation

- Once the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Communications Center representative has confirmed that a request for activation of the System meets the criteria noted above, the Communications Center will notify the following partners and participants of the activation for voluntary dissemination of information within the advisory area:
 - The DPS, Communications Center(s) will broadcast the information as a “Be On the Look Out” (BOLO). The Communications Center(s) will repeat the broadcast every few hours to include scheduled shift changes.
 - Nevada Department of Transportation;
 - Alert ID;
 - Local Media outlets;
 - Other DPS Communications Centers(s), if the information indicates the possibility of the missing senior citizen entering their geographical area;
 - Other locally established Advisory Partners, Groups or Organizations;
 - The DPS, Communications Center will remain in contact with the requesting agency by contacting the requester after 12, 18 and 23 hours after activation. Unless and extension is granted, the activation will end after 24 hours of the initial activation.
 - An extension will be considered by the DPS but must contain new facts or information that would result in locating the senior citizen. Extension must be approved a DPS, captain or their designee.

NEVADA DEAPRTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SILVER ALERT REQUEST

ACTIVATION – 24 HOURS
NLETS ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE

***** HIGH PRIORITY MESSAGE *****

***** Nevada Silver ALERT *****

***** Nevada Silver Alert ACTIVATION REQUEST *****

***** Nevada Silver ALERT ACTIVATION*****

REQUESTING AGENCY: (Agency Name)

AUTHORIZING OFFICE NAME: (Agency Name)

AGENCY PHONE NUMBER: (Contact Number)

AGENCY ORI: (Your ORI)

REQUIERED INFORMATION NEEDED TO ACTIVATE:

Yes or No

1. A person 60 years of age or older whose whereabouts are unknown: AND

Yes or No

2. Is diagnosed with a medical or mental health condition that places the person in danger of serious physical harm or death; OR, who is missing under suspicious or unexplained circumstances that place the person in danger of serious physical harm or death. (Law enforcement shall require the family or legal guardian of the missing senior citizen to provide documentation from a medical mental health professional of the senior citizen's condition): AND

Yes or No

3. The senior citizen's domicile is in Nevada: AND

Yes or No

4. An investigation by the local Law enforcement department has taken place verifying that the disappearance is due to his/her impaired mental condition, and alternative reasons for the seniors disappearance have been ruled out: AND

Yes or No

5. The Silver Alert request is within 72 hours of the senior citizen's disappearance: AND

Yes or No

6. There is sufficient information available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating the senior citizen. (Highway signs will only be activated if accurate vehicle information is available, AND it is confirmed that the senior citizen was driving the vehicle at the time of the disappearance, OR the senior citizen was unlawfully taken by a suspect(s) and the senior citizen is believed to be in danger of serious physical harm or death, AND accurate vehicle information is available).

Important: Do NOT send a Silver Alert Request if the answer is No to Any of the above questions.

VICTIM DATA

VICTIM NAME:

AGE IN YEARS:

HEIGHT: WEIGHT:

HAIR: EYE COLOR:

SEX: RACE:

CLOTHING:

DATE AND TIME OF LAST CONTACT:

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL:

UNIQUE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

SUSPECT (1) DATA

SUSPECT NAME:

SEX: RACE: AGE:

CLOTHING:

DATE AND TIME OF LAST CONTACT:

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL:

UNIQUE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

SUSPECT (2) DATA

SUSPECT NAME:

SEX: RACE: AGE:

CLOTHING:

DATE AND TIME OF LAST CONTACT:

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL:

UNIQUE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

VEHICLE DATA

LICENSE NUMBER: STATE:

VEHICLE TYPE, MAKE, MODEL, COLOR AND OTHER DESCRIPTORS:

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SILVER ALERT REQUEST FORM

DEACTIVATION

(Please complete this form and contact the activating DPS Communications Center for deactivation from a prior activation. **Fax the completed form** to the number provided below and **follow up with a personal call** to insure the deactivation was received. The information provided will help us track and assess the program).

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Reporting Law Enforcement agency: _____

Authorizing Officer Name: _____

Missing Individual's name: _____

Alert Activation Date: _____ Time: _____

Alert Deactivation Request Date: _____ Time: _____

Was the individual recovered as the result of the Silver Alert activation? YES or No?
If yes explain:
