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| Policy #**Golden Alert/Green Alert** | Related Policies: |
| *This policy is for internal use only and does not enlarge an employee’s civil liability in any way. The policy should not be construed as creating a higher duty of care, in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third-party civil claims against employees. A violation of this policy, if proven, can only form the basis for internal discipline and/or criminal charges.* |
| Applicable State Statutes: KRS 39F.180, 39F.010 |
| KACP Accreditation Standard: 30.5,  |
| Date Implemented: | Revision Date: May 1, 2025 |

1. **POLICY**

It is the policy of this Police Department to comply with Kentucky Revised Statute 39F.180 as it relates to a Golden Alert / Green Alert Elderly missing person or veteran at risk. Established procedures will assist members of the Police Department when dealing with a missing or lost “impaired person.”

1. **DEFINITIONS**
2. Impaired person - a person who has a known or reported:
	* + 1. Developmental disability, including but not limited to autism, or traumatic brain injury, and whose disappearance poses a credible threat to the health or safety of the person, as determined by the Department of Kentucky State Police or a local law enforcement agency; or
			2. Physical, mental, or cognitive impairment or organic brain disorder, including but not limited to Alzheimer's disease, and whose disappearance poses a credible threat to the health or safety of the person, as determined by the Kentucky State Police or a local law enforcement agency;
3. Veteran at Risk – A veteran or an active-duty member of the Armed Forces, the National Guard, or a military reserve component of the Untied States who is known to have a physical or mental health condition, to include post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), that is related to his or her service.
4. Golden Alert – Public notification system that may be used to assist in the safe recovery of a critical missing person.
5. Green Alert – Public notification system that may be used to assist in the safe recovery of a veteran at risk.
6. **PROCEDURE**
7. When a report is received of a missing person who is known or reported to be an impaired person or a veteran at risk, police shall respond and provide immediate assistance and resources in investigating and facilitating the safe return of the impaired person.
8. The responding officer shall immediately notify his/her shift supervisor, who will notify the Chief of Police. A Golden Alert/Green Alert shall immediately be reported to the local emergency management director (statutorily required within two hours). The officer contacting local emergency management will coordinate with him/her in notifying the local search and rescue coordinator and the duty officer at the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management.
9. Responding officers should attempt to get all vital information to complete a Missing Persons Report, Kentucky ENIBRS report, to obtain recent photos and complete all necessary documents required to enter the missing person into N.C.I.C. as anEndangered Missing Person. The entry into NCIC will be made without delay.
10. The Media Relations Officer or his designee shall notify local media outlets of the Golden Alert/Green Alert via Media Release.

1. Whenever a report qualifies as a Golden Alert/Green Alert, the responding officer shall immediately begin to formulate a plan for locating the individual. The extent and length of the search should be governed by the available information and evidence. Consideration should be given to using the following resources when appropriate:
2. Canine tracking
3. Other Law Enforcement agencies/personnel
4. Fire department personnel
5. Local and State Emergency Management
6. Volunteers
7. Upon notification, the emergency management director assumes overall responsibility for the ongoing search of the missing person. It shall be his responsibility to notify the, state level, on-duty officer of the Division of Emergency Management. The Division of Emergency Management may utilize the public notification resources available to the Amber Alert notification system during a Golden Alert/Green Alert. (i.e. – statewide broadcasters, Transportation Cabinet, etc.)
8. There is no requirement in Kentucky to delay the search for or rescue of any lost, missing, or overdue person. Any person who is reported lost, missing, or overdue, adult or child, may be searched for immediately by any emergency management, fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, search and rescue, rescue squad, or other similar organization to which a missing or overdue person is reported.

**GOLDEN ALERT MEDIA RELEASE**

 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

GOLDEN ALERT ISSUED FOR MISSING PERSON IN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact: Name of contact person Telephone number:

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, KY. - (Date) Officials in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have issued a Golden Alert for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who has been reported missing since \_\_\_\_\_\_ EST.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is described as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_race, \_\_\_\_sex, \_\_\_\_\_age, with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hair, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eyes and approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_ tall. Last seen wearing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He/she was last seen at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (time).

 \*if applicable – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Ky. and officials speculate he (OR SHE) may be headed there.

It is crucial that this individual be located as soon as possible. If you see anyone fitting this description or know of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whereabouts, please call the Public Safety Communications Center at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or contact your local law enforcement authorities.