



# Tulsa Police Department

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**Policy Name** Blue Alert

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**Approved by** *Wendell Franklin, Chief of Police*

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## PURPOSE OF CHANGE:

To update policy format.

## POLICY:

**SUMMARY:** Procedures to be followed for Blue Alert activation.

**APPLIES TO:** All police personnel

## DEFINITIONS:

**BLUE ALERT** – a system to facilitate rapid dissemination of information to law enforcement agencies, the media, and the public that will aid in apprehending violent criminal(s) wanted for killing or seriously injuring a law enforcement officer in the line of duty; and in sharing notice that an individual poses a continuing and credible threat of serious injury or death to a law enforcement officer or to the public.

## PROCEDURES:

### A. BLUE ALERT MAY BE ACTIVATED IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY,

1. A law enforcement officer has been killed or seriously injured and the law enforcement agency investigating the incident has information identifying an individual as a suspect connected to the incident;
2. The law enforcement agency that is investigating the suspect determines that the suspect poses a serious risk or threat to the public and other law enforcement personnel;
3. The law enforcement agency investigating the suspect has obtained any of the following:
  - a. The name of the suspect, or
  - b. A detailed physical description of the suspect, or
  - c. A description of the vehicle of the suspect, vehicle registration plate numbers or letters or partial vehicle registration plate numbers or letters; and
  - d. The law enforcement agency investigating the suspect recommends that the Department of Public Safety activate the Blue Alert. The Commissioner may notify authorities and entities out the State of Oklahoma upon request.

### B. A SHIFT COMMANDER WILL DETERMINE THAT CRITERIA IS MET.

1. The shift commander will have dispatch send an administrative teletype to the Department of Public Safety for approval.
2. Teletype (TTY) will notify the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (OLETS).

**C. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE BLUE ALERT PROTOCOL IS MET:**

1. A shift Commander will notify dispatch of the Blue Alert activation and request notification of the listed personnel:
  - a. Communications Unit
  - b. Chief of Police
  - c. Operations, Investigations and Administration Bureau Chiefs
  - d. Incident Management Team (IMT) Commander
2. IMT will activate and staff the Command Post.
  - a. IMT Commander will assume Blue Alert Incident Command and coordinate with the on-scene commander and investigators.
  - b. IMT will activate and staff the tip line phone system.
  - c. The Communications Unit will publish the tip line phone to media outlets with a description of the suspect(s), vehicle(s) and any other information useful in the apprehension or identification from the general public.
3. Dispatch will make emergency radio broadcasts on all frequencies.
4. IMT will make Department wide notification to all personnel through Everbridge.
5. When the suspect is located or the need for the Blue Alert has passed, IMT will make required notifications to cancel the Blue Alert.

**REGULATIONS:** None

**REFERENCES:**

47 O.S. 2-316 (OSCN 2017), *Oklahoma Blue Alert Act*