



# Tulsa Police Department

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**Policy #** 122E

**Policy Name** Kasey Alert

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## PURPOSE OF CHANGE:

New policy.

## POLICY:

The Tulsa Police Department responds to various types of missing persons situations. Circumstances may include kidnappings, runaways, or people with proven diminished mental capacity who have wandered away from caregivers. Because there are various programs that aid us in locating missing persons who fall into these categories, there are different procedures to be followed.

Missing persons investigations present unique problems for police departments. The mere act of being missing is not a crime, yet it suggests the possibility that any number of major crimes may have been committed or that a person is in danger. Many innocent reasons may exist for a person's absence; indeed, most missing person cases involve no foul play. However, any circumstance that suggests a possible threat to human life mandates a timely investigative response from this Department.

The Kasey Alert is an early warning system to alert the public when a person is at least 18 and no older than 59 years of age, missing and believed to be in danger. The Kasey Alert has been specifically designed for persons 18 to 59 years of age. The Kasey Alert may be authorized for activation.

**SUMMARY:** Procedures to be followed for missing persons who are 18 - 59 years of age, who are critically missing, or who have a proven mental or physical disability.

**APPLIES TO:** All police personnel

## DEFINITIONS:

CRITICALLY MISSING ADULT - a person who is at least eighteen (18) and no older than fifty-nine (59) years of age, whose whereabouts are unknown and who is believed to have been abducted or taken against his or her will.

KASEY ALERT – a statewide system to alert the public of a critically missing adult.

## PROCEDURES:

### A. KASEY ALERT

1. The Kasey Alert is activated when a person is at least 18 and no older than 59 years of age is missing and who meets the following.
  - a. The person is believed to have been abducted or taken against his or her will or,
  - b. There is reason to believe the person is in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death and,
  - c. Disseminating this information to the News Media and general public would assist in locating the person.

2. If the above criteria are met, contact a Shift Commander, or supervisor. They will review the search efforts to date and will determine if the missing person meets the Kasey Alert protocol.
3. If it is determined that the Kasey Alert protocol is met:
  - a. Notify On Call Sex & Violent Offender Registration Unit (SVOR) Detective.
  - b. Notify dispatch of the Kasey Alert activation and request notification of the listed personnel:
    - 1) SVOR Unit Lieutenant.
    - 2) Real Time Information Center (RTIC)
    - 3) Communication Unit.
  - c. Set up a field command center.
  - d. Continually evaluate field search operations.
  - e. Consider the activation of IMT members for assistance with the Command Post and search activities.
  - f. Contact Teletype (TTY), who will notify the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (OLETS) for entry into NCIC.
    - 1) Provide them with all known victim information for a statewide broadcast to the Department of Public Safety (DPS).
    - 2) Ensure that the Kasey Alert contains a description of the missing person and all known details.
    - 3) If the victim is in a vehicle, please enter the vehicle information into NCIC.
4. The Shift Commander will establish a Command Post near the search location to continually evaluate the search efforts and coordinate the field command post operations.
5. When the victim is located, notify SVOR Detectives, RTIC, Communication Unit, and TTY to have the Kasey Alert Cancelled.

**REGULATIONS:** None

**REFERENCES:** None