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CHAPTER 219—ASHANTI ALERT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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§ 21901. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) AMBER Alert communications network

The term “AMBER Alert communications network” means the AMBER Alert communications network established under subtitle A of title III of the PROTECT Act (34 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.).

(2) Ashanti Alert

The term “Ashanti Alert” means an alert issued through the Ashanti Alert communications network, related to a missing adult.

(3) Ashanti Alert communications network

The term “Ashanti Alert communications network” means the national communications network established by the Attorney General under section 21902(a) of this title.

(4) Ashanti Alert Coordinator of the Department of Justice; Coordinator

The term “Ashanti Alert Coordinator of the Department of Justice” or “Coordinator” means the employee designated by the Attorney General to act as the national coordinator of the Ashanti Alert communications network under section 21903(a) of this title.

(5) Ashanti Alert plan

The term “Ashanti Alert plan” means a local element of the Ashanti Alert communications network.

(6) Indian Tribe

The term “Indian Tribe” means a federally recognized Indian Tribe or a Native village, Regional Corporation, or Village Corporation (as those terms are defined in section 1602 of title 43).

(7) Missing adult

The term “missing adult” means an individual who—

- (A) is older than the age for which an alert may be issued through the AMBER Alert communications network in the State or territory of an Indian Tribe in which the individual is identified as a missing individual;
- (B) is identified by a law enforcement agency as a missing individual; and
- (C) meets the requirements to be designated as a missing adult, as determined by

the State in which, or the Indian Tribe in the territory of which, the individual is identified as a missing individual.

(8) State

The term “State” means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(Pub. L. 106-468, title II, § 201, as added Pub. L. 115-401, § 2(5), Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5336.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The PROTECT Act, referred to in par. (1), is Pub. L. 108-21, Apr. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 650, also known as the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to end the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003. Subtitle A of title III of the Act is classified generally to chapter 205 (§ 20501 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2003 Amendment note set out under section 1 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, and Tables.

§ 21902. Ashanti Alert communications network

(a) In general

The Attorney General shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, establish a national communications network within the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Justice to provide assistance to regional and local search efforts for missing adults through the initiation, facilitation, and promotion of local elements of the network, in coordination with States, Indian Tribes, units of local government, law enforcement agencies, and other concerned entities with expertise in providing services to adults.

(b) Integration with existing communications network

In establishing the Ashanti Alert communications network under subsection (a), the Attorney General shall coordinate, when advisable, with missing person alert systems in existence as of December 31, 2018, such as the AMBER Alert communications network and Silver Alert communications networks.

(Pub. L. 106-468, title II, § 202, as added Pub. L. 115-401, § 2(5), Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5337.)

§ 21903. Ashanti Alert Coordinator

(a) National coordinator within Department of Justice

The Attorney General shall designate an employee of the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Justice to act as the national coordinator of the Ashanti Alert communications network.

(b) Duties of the Coordinator

In acting as the national coordinator of the Ashanti Alert communications network, the Coordinator shall—

- (1) work with States and Indian Tribes to encourage the development of additional Ashanti Alert plans in the network;
- (2) establish voluntary guidelines for States and Indian Tribes to use in developing Ashanti