

**80H.3 Criteria — blue alert.**

1. Upon notification by a law enforcement agency that a suspect in a case involving the death or serious injury of a peace officer in the line of duty has not been apprehended and may be a serious threat to the public, the department of public safety communications center shall activate a blue alert and notify appropriate participants in the blue alert program, as established by department rule, if all of the following criteria apply:

- a. A law enforcement agency believes that the suspect has not been apprehended.
- b. A law enforcement agency believes that the suspect may be a serious threat to the public.
- c. Sufficient descriptive information is available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating the suspect.

2. Upon notification by a law enforcement agency that a peace officer is missing while on duty under circumstances warranting concern for the peace officer's safety, the department of public safety communications center shall activate a blue alert and notify appropriate participants in the blue alert program, as established by department rule, if sufficient descriptive information is available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating the missing peace officer.

3. The department of public safety communications center shall not release any information about the identity of a peace officer in a case involving the death or serious injury of the peace officer who is the subject of a blue alert.

4. If a blue alert is issued because a peace officer is missing while on duty, the department of public safety communications center shall defer to the investigating law enforcement agency about the nature and limits of the officer information to be made public.

[2020 Acts, ch 1104, §3](#)

Referred to in [§80H.4](#)

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