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North Dakota Amber Alert Test Scheduled for May 23

NARRATIVE:

The North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) and the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services (NDDDES) will conduct the annual test of the AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert system from 2-4 p.m. central time on Thursday, May 23. All AMBER Alert components will be tested except for the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) which is sent to mobile devices. Advanced notification is provided to avoid misinterpretation of this test as an actual AMBER Alert.

AMBER Alerts are recorded on the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) 511 road and weather information system and displayed on the NDDOT roadside message signs, the NDResponse web page at <https://ndresponse.gov/alert>, and at North Dakota Lottery terminal locations.

The goal of an AMBER Alert is to prompt the community to assist in the search for and safe return of an abducted child. The program is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement, state agencies, the National Weather Service (NWS), and the North Dakota Broadcasters Association to activate various systems in child abduction cases meeting AMBER Alert criteria. NDDDES, in collaboration with the NWS, uses the Emergency Alert System (EAS) to provide a description of the abducted child, suspected abductor, and vehicle to statewide radio and television stations. AMBER Alerts are also automatically sent through WEA to mobile devices.

To learn more, visit the ND Response Alert page at <https://ndresponse.gov/alert>.

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