

Establishment of Blue Alert System; HCR 5029

HCR 5029 declares that the Kansas Legislature urges the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to establish a Blue Alert system. A Blue Alert would be issued after four criteria are met:

- A law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured;
- An investigating law enforcement agency determines that the offender poses a serious risk or threat to the public or law enforcement personnel;
- A description of the offender's vehicle, vehicle tag, or partial tag is available to broadcast to the public; and
- An investigating law enforcement agency of jurisdiction recommends activation of the Blue Alert.

The resolution notes Kansas already has in place similar alert systems, including the Amber Alert for abducted children and the Silver Alert for missing senior citizens. Additionally, 18 states have a Blue Alert system in place, while other states and the federal government are considering the establishment of a Blue Alert system.