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Metro LEC Announces Award

National AMBER Alert Awareness Day, January 13th, 2014, is set aside and memorialized in honor of Amber Hagerman and the establishment of a national AMBER Alert Program by the U.S. Department of Justice. This is an appropriate time to notify the public of an important achievement by the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council (Metro LEC). Metro LEC is a consortium of cities, towns and sheriff departments from Massachusetts with the goal of sharing resources among its member agencies in order to provide the best possible police services to the community.

On July 23rd and 24th, 2013, Metro LEC conducted a “mock” child abduction drill in the Town of Norwood. Officers from member agencies of the Metro LEC organization mobilized and responded to Norwood to investigate a report of a missing child. Assessors from the AMBER Program evaluated the Metro LEC Child Abduction Response Team (Metro CART), a specialized unit within Metro LEC. They assessed protocols and the effectiveness of the drill, to meet standards set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice. Duxbury Police Sergeant Kristin Golden, one of the State’s first CART trained officers, was instrumental in preparing the Metro Unit for the certification process. After completion of the drill, Metro CART has received notification from the AMBER Program that we have successfully met these necessary standards and will become the 19th nationally certified CART team, and only the second northeastern state team to receive the honor.

On February 18th, 2014, Metro LEC will be presented an award by the Department of Justice for the national certification. This award will be presented by Phil Keith, Program Director of the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program. More information will follow regarding the award ceremony.

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