

Idaho Statewide AMBER Alert Plan



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The Idaho Statewide AMBER Alert Plan is named for 9-year-old AMBER Hagerman of Arlington, Texas. In 1996, she was abducted while riding her bicycle and brutally murdered.

This Plan organizes a rapid response by law enforcement, state agencies, broadcasters, and the public to recover an abducted child and apprehend the suspect.

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I. Intent and Purpose

AMBER Alert in Idaho is a program of voluntary cooperation between broadcasters, cable systems, and local and state agencies to enhance the public's ability to assist in recovering abducted children. The Idaho State Police's (ISP) Notification System for Primary and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) for secondary distribution, and the Emergency Alert System (EAS) support AMBER Alert notification. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has authorized activation of the EAS and WEA for alerts, using the "Child Abduction Emergency" (CAS) Code.

II. Scope and Authority of Statewide and Local AMBER Alert Plans

The Idaho State AMBER Alert Advisory and Review Committee oversees the AMBER Alert process flow, agency responsibilities, and after action review. The Idaho Statewide AMBER Alert Plan (ISAAP) solely governs and authorizes the use of the ISP Notification System and WEA for AMBER Alerts throughout the state of Idaho. The Idaho State Emergency Alert System Plan governs and authorizes the use of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert System (WEA) for AMBER Alerts throughout the state of Idaho.

The ISAAP takes effect when a local law enforcement agency has determined in its investigation that the incident qualifies under the criteria of the ISAAP and the local law enforcement agency requests the ISP to activate the AMBER Alert.

The ISAAP recognizes approved local and state Endangered Missing Persons Advisory Plans (EMPA), which specify local law enforcement agency and ISP's procedures to investigate a child abduction case, coordinate community response, and direct the recovery of an abducted child.

III. AMBER Alert Activation Approval and Scope

The ISAAP does not prevent a local law enforcement agency (LEA) from activating their local EMPA Plan. However, it does exclude the LEA from activating the EAS and WEA, using the CAS Code for cases other than those authorized in this plan.

The LEA will use the suggested AMBER Alert Criteria to determine if sufficient information is available to activate the ISAAP. If the LEA chooses to activate the ISAAP the LEA provides the information to the ISP through the approved methods. Upon receiving the information, ISP verifies the information (names, spelling, circumstances, etc.) received from the LEA and enters the information into the ISP's Notification System for dissemination. All activations of the ISAAP are statewide in scope for EAS and WEA. In addition, the WEA may be used in targeted notifications if law enforcement believes the child, suspect or vehicle's direction of travel in a specific region of Idaho.

The ISP notifies the following agencies through the ISP's Notification System:

- Idaho State Communications Center
- Idaho Missing Persons Clearing House
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)
- Local Law Enforcement Agencies point of contact
- Media and other law enforcement agencies point of contact
- Call Center and 800 telephone number for hot tips

Idaho State Communications Center notifies and/or activates the following:

- Emergency Alert System
- Idaho State Lottery Commission
- Idaho Transportation Department Dynamic Message Signs (DMS)
- Idaho Transportation Department CARS 511 Traveler Information Phone Service
- Idaho Office of Emergency Management

Idaho will activate the ISAAP at the request of other states, if the state requesting activation has reason to believe the child may be located in or traveling towards Idaho. All requests from another state will follow the ISAAP for activation.

IV. Governance of the Statewide AMBER Alert Plan

Local and State law enforcement, broadcasters, and emergency management officials combine their efforts through the following statewide AMBER Alert governance model to recover abducted children.

Idaho State AMBER Alert Advisory and Review Committee:

- Idaho State Police
 - Leila McNeill, ISP BCI Bureau Chief
 - Tanea Parmenter, AMBER Alert Coordinator, Missing Person Clearinghouse Manager
 - Denise King, Regional Communications Center Coordinator, South
 - Melissa Stroh, Regional Communications Center Coordinator, North
- Idaho Governor's Office
 - MARRISA MORRISON, Press Secretary
- Idaho Association of Sheriff's
 - TBD
- Idaho Chiefs of Police Association
 - CRAIG KINGSBURY, Chief, Twin Falls Police Department

- Idaho Broadcasters Association
 - Connie Searles, Executive Director
- Idaho Transportation Department
 - Neal Murphy, Emergency Program Manager
 - Niki Benyakhlef, Executive Management Assistant
- Idaho Office of Emergency Management
 - Brad Richy, Director
- Idaho State Communications Center
 - Michele Carreras, Manager
- National Weather Service
 - Jay Breidenbach, Warning Coordination Meteorologist
- Idaho Lottery Commission
 - David Workman, Public Information Officer
 - Tony Pittz, Director of Lottery Security

The Idaho State AMBER Alert Advisory and Review Committee provide administrative oversight to develop, implement, review, and recommend revisions to all aspects of the ISAAP. This Plan may be amended or modified at any time by mutual consent of the parties hereto. The committee conducts After Action Reviews of all AMBER Alert activations and evaluates the effectiveness and timelines of key decisions, actions, and results. The committee also assesses the ISP's Notification System usability and recommends improvements.

State Emergency Communications Committee

The Federal Communications Committee (FCC) delegates authority to the State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) to create the State of Idaho Emergency Alert System Plan (EAS) and manage EAS operations in Idaho. Broadcasters must comply with the State EAS Plan to be in compliance with FCC regulations.

V. **AMBER Alert Criteria**

The suggested criteria for an incident to qualify for issuance of a statewide AMBER Alert are listed below. These criteria should be closely followed except where the investigation uncovers extraordinary circumstances that warrant such an alert.

1. A child is known by law enforcement officials to have been abducted;
 - a. The child is not simply missing/runaway/lost; abduction must be known;
2. The abduction occurred within 12 hours of initial activation of AMBER Alert;
3. The child must be 17 years or younger, or with a proven mental or physical disability, and police must believe that the child has been abducted (unwillingly taken from his or her environment without permission from the child's parent or guardian);
4. Law enforcement must believe the child is in **imminent danger** of serious bodily harm or death;
5. There must be enough descriptive information to believe that an AMBER Alert will assist in the recovery of the child (must include as much of the following information as possible);
 - a. Where the abduction took place;
 - b. A specific physical description of the child (can include clothing worn when last seen; height, weight, age, hair and eye color, hair length, any additional distinguishing physical characteristics);
 - c. A physical description of the abductor can include approximate height, weight, hair color/length, eye/skin color, clothing; any distinguishing physical characteristics;
 - d. Place last seen; direction of travel if known;
 - e. Description of the vehicle should include color, year, make, body model, license number, and state.
6. The child must be entered in NCIC as involuntary with child abduction flag.

VI. **Follow-up Announcement Schedule**

Following the AMBER Alert broadcast on the EAS and WEA, the alert is forwarded through broadcast media outlets and NOAA Weather Radio. At this time and throughout the alert, broadcasters should refer to the ISP's Notification System as the single source for the latest detailed AMBER Alert information and photos. The ISP will update information to the Notification System as it becomes available.

VII. Notification Procedures

The following diagrams reflects the AMBER Alert process for participating agencies.

Diagram A: Process Event for AMBER Alert suggested criteria met

Diagram B: Process Event for AMBER Alert suggested criteria not met

Diagram C: Process Event for AMBER Alert issue update

Diagram D: Process Event for AMBER Alert Cancel

Diagram A: Process Event for AMBER Alert suggested criteria met

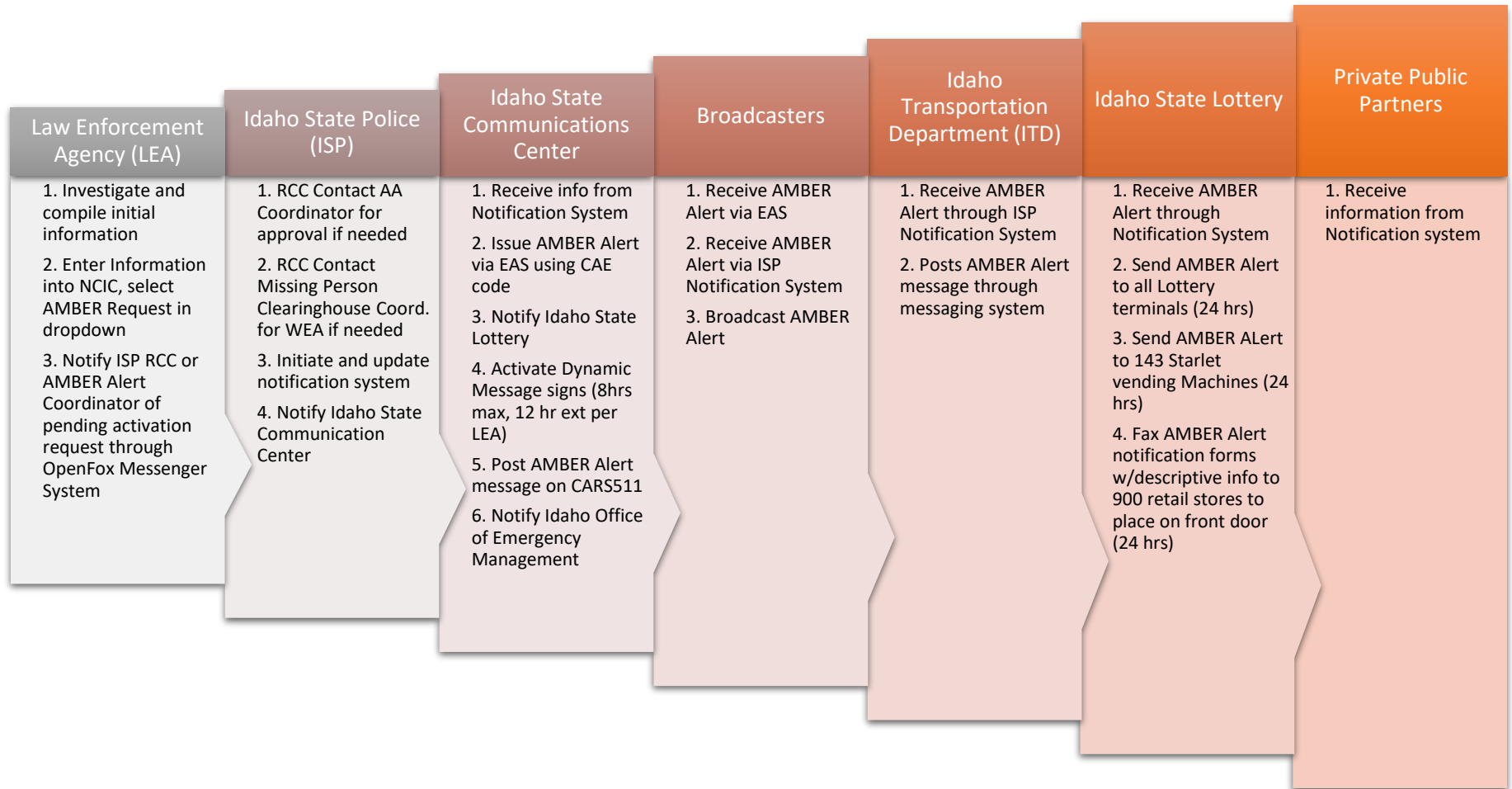


Diagram B: Process Event for AMBER Alert suggested criteria **not** met

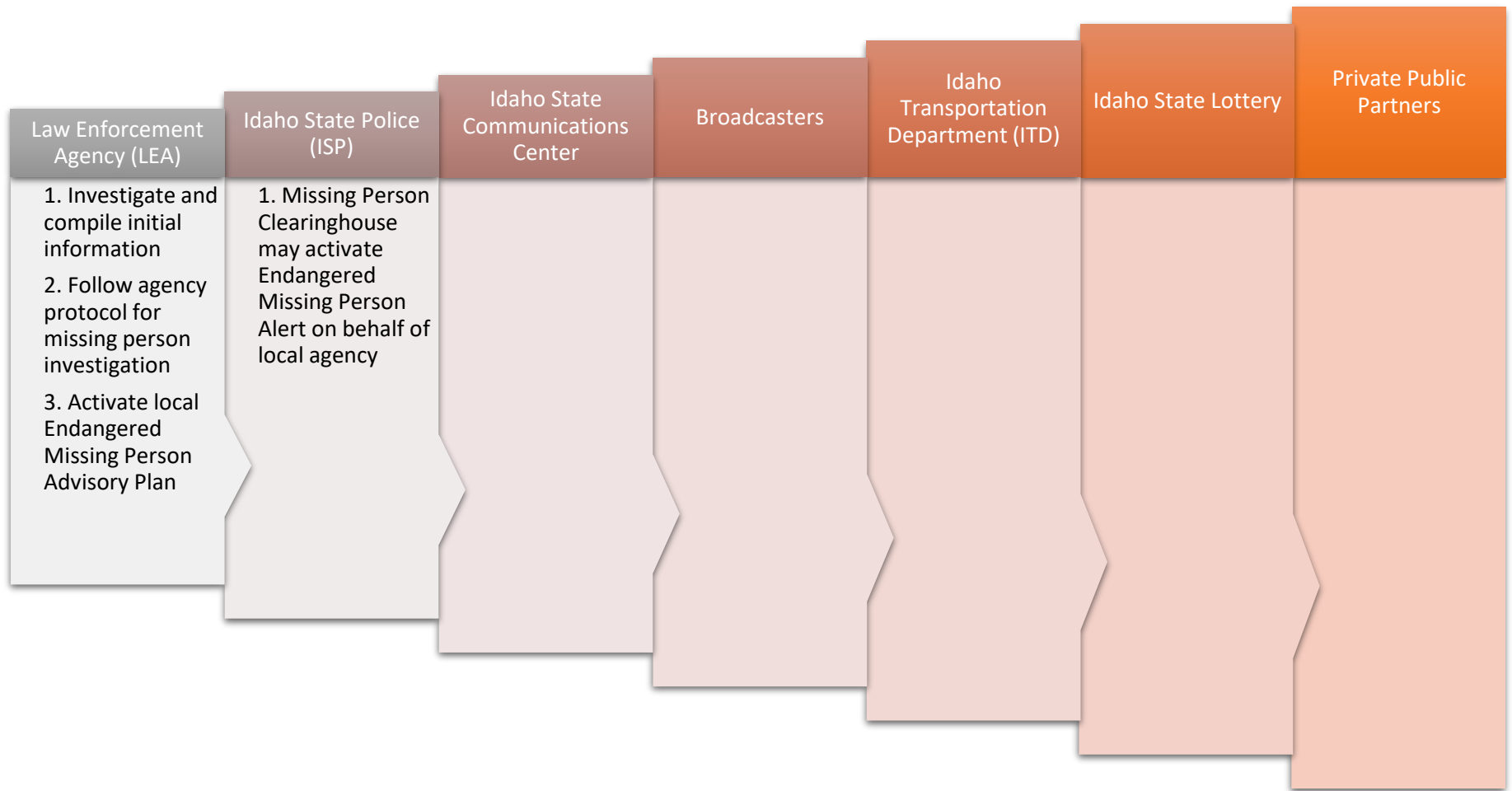


Diagram C: Process Event for AMBER Alert issue update

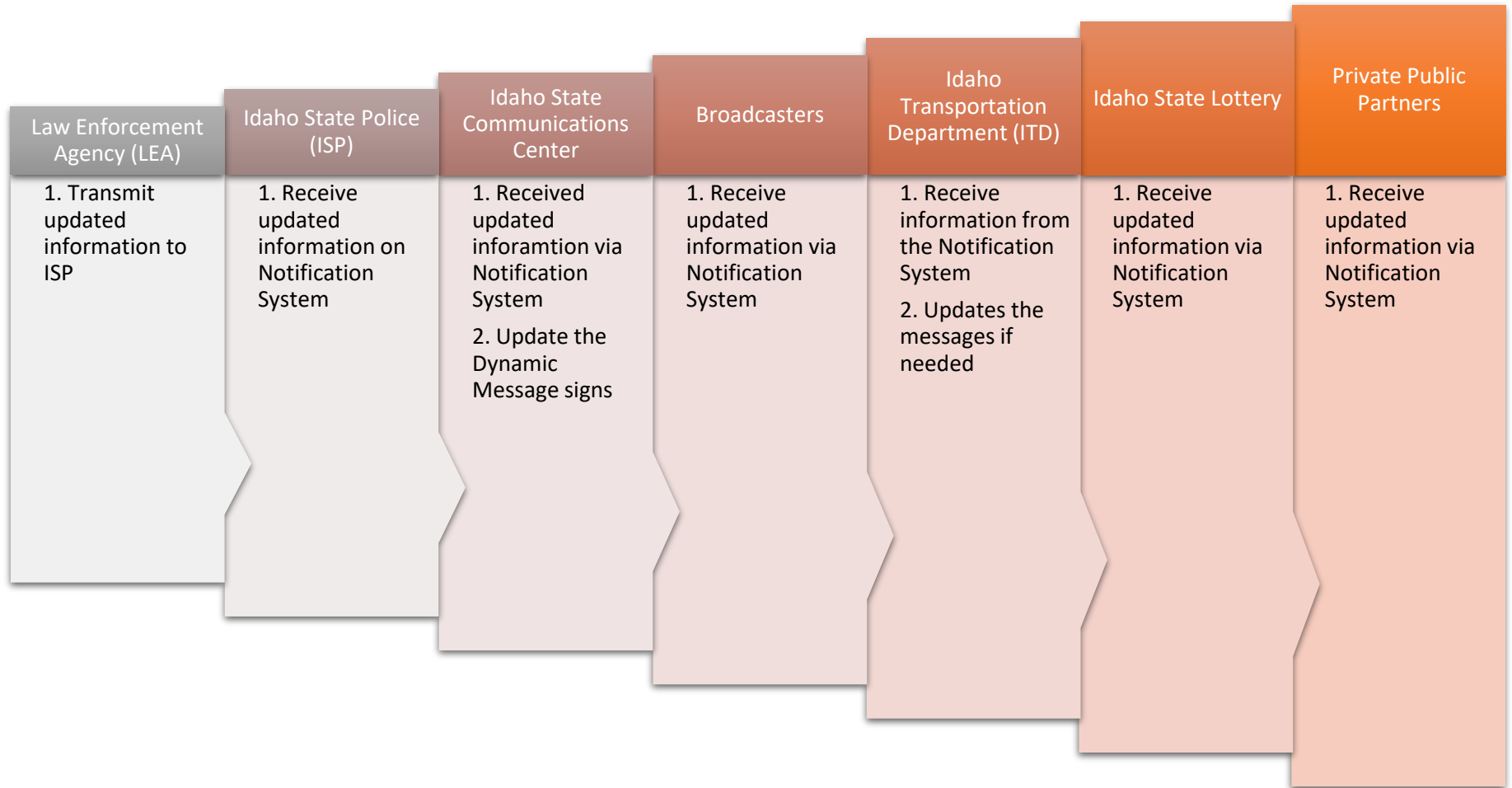
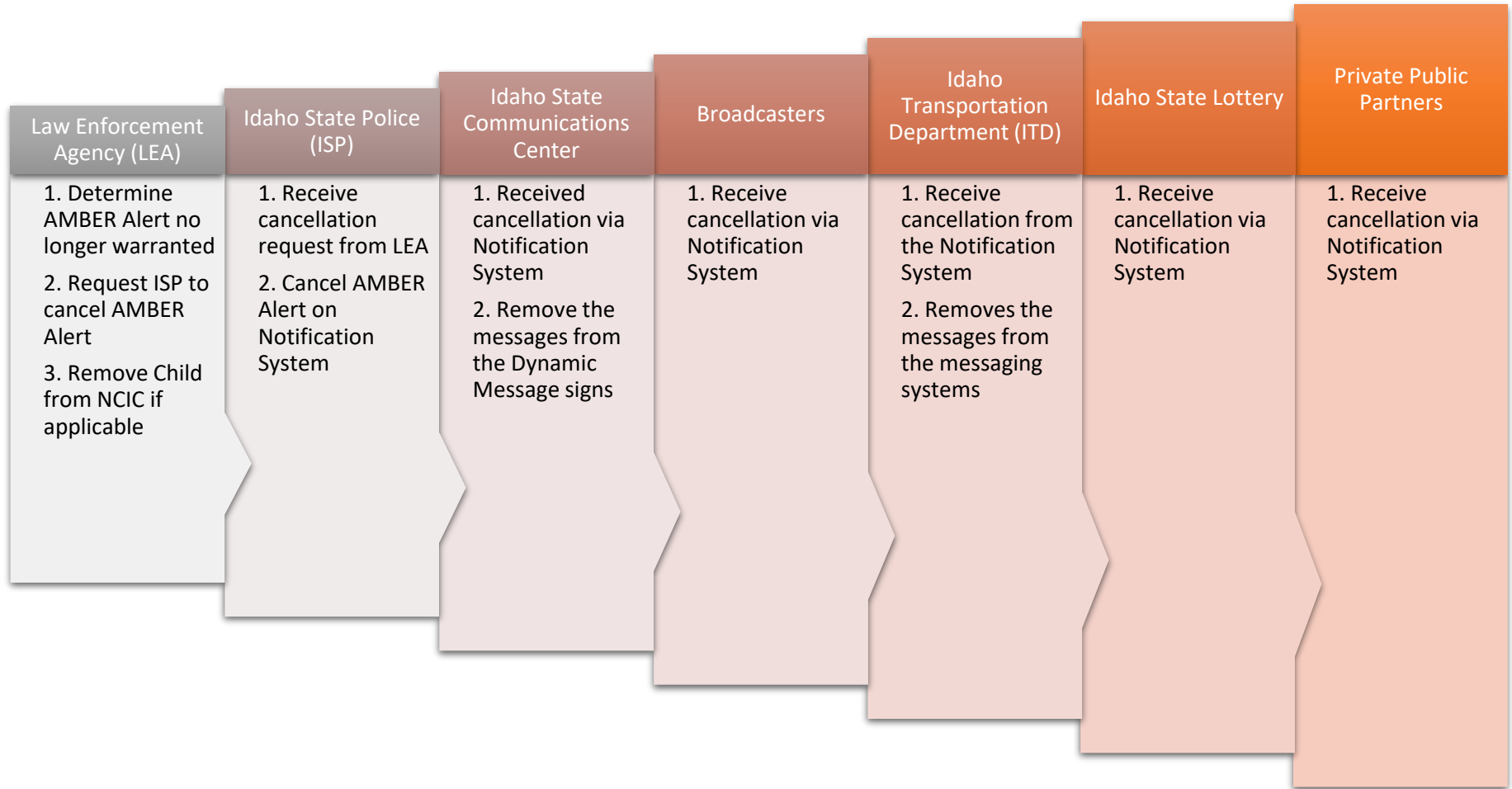
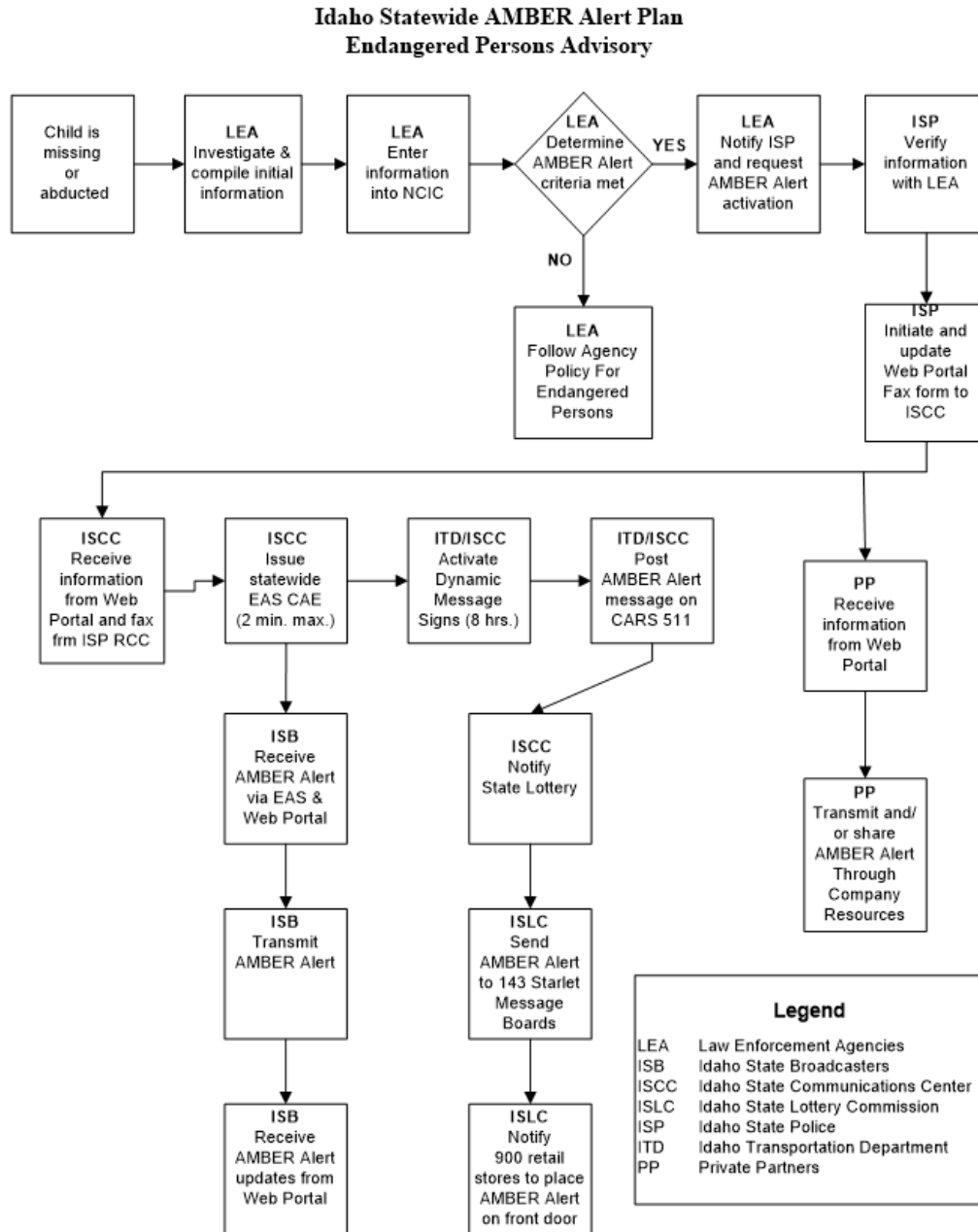


Diagram D: Process Event for AMBER Alert cancel



VIII. AMBER Alert Initiation Procedure – Flow Chart

Diagram E: Idaho Statewide AMBER Alert Plan Flow Chart



IX. Termination Procedure

When the abducted child has been located, or the LEA deems the activation is no longer warranted, the LEA notifies ISP to terminate the statewide AMBER Alert. The ISP enters the termination into the ISP's Notification System. The ISP Missing Person Clearinghouse (MPC) monitors all missing person notifications including AMBER Alerts, if an AMBER Alert is not canceled within 14 days, the MPC staff will contact the law enforcement agency to initiate a cancel.

The ISP's Notification System notifies the Idaho Office of Emergency Management, all law enforcement agencies registered with the Notification System, Idaho State Communications Center, Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho Lottery Commission, Idaho Broadcasters, National Weather Service, and all private partners registered with the Notification System that the statewide AMBER Alert has been cancelled.

When the Idaho State Communications Center and Idaho Transportation Department receive the termination notice from the ISP's Notification System, they remove the AMBER Alert message from the Dynamic Message Signs.

X. Approval and Concurrence

On behalf of local and state law enforcement, other agencies providing emergency management and transportation services and the Idaho broadcasters, the undersigned agree to establish and adopt this updated Idaho Statewide AMBER Alert plan.

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