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## PREVENTING CRIME

## APPREHENDING CRIMINALS

## LOCATING MISSING PERSONS

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The Minnesota Crime Alert Network provides a fast, cost-effective means of communications between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve.



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## HOW IT WORKS

The Network uses broadcast fax and electronic mail technology to send crime alerts simultaneously to dozens, hundreds, or even thousands of people – averaging between 5,000 to 8,000 destinations per hour. The officer sending the alert chooses both the geographic area and the types of recipients to which the alert should be sent. Alerts are sent directly to those most likely to provide useful information or those potentially affected by the crime or criminal.

Anyone with a fax machine or electronic mail address can apply to be a member of the Network. Members include law enforcement agencies, banks, schools, hospitals, retailers, office and apartment building managers, neighborhood watch members, and others.

## POLICE PARTICIPATION

During the past decade, the role of law enforcement officers has changed focus and direction. In the decades of the 1970's and 1980's the primary role of a law enforcement officer was to protect the public by enforcing laws and responding quickly to potentially life-threatening emergencies. During the 1990's, this role expanded to include a variety of public service activities, which fall under the

umbrella title of Community Oriented Policing.

Community Oriented Policing is a strategy, which promotes shared ownership and input between law enforcement departments and their respective communities. The purpose of this partnership is to create solutions for dealing with problems relating to issues of public safety and concern for that particular community.

Most law enforcement agencies recognize the importance of involving the public in solving and preventing crimes. Traditionally, our efforts to do that have ranged from "wanted" posters in the town square, to sheriffs' posses, Neighborhood Watch, Crime Stoppers, and television programs like America's Most Wanted. Today our efforts include offering programs like the Minnesota Crime Alert Network, Amber Alert Emergency Child Abduction notification, Crime Watch and programs like Operation ID, McGruff House and Truck, Workplace Violence, Minnesota Watch your Car Program, neighborhood watch, and Minnesota Multi-Housing.

## MEMBERSHIP

We recognize that this is a collaborative effort and that its success relies on participation from all sectors of Minnesota business, law enforcement, and the community; therefore we have kept membership fees low. The annual membership fee is \$12 per receiving fax machine or electronic mail address. New members receive a 90-day trial membership in order to determine whether the alerts will be valuable for them.

## SIGN UP TO BE A MEMBER

We invite you to contact your local law enforcement agency and/or the Minnesota Crime Alert Network at (651) 793-1120 or [MCAN@state.mn.us](mailto:MCAN@state.mn.us) for more information, an application for membership, or apply online by following the steps below.

Go to:

[www.crimealert.state.mn.us](http://www.crimealert.state.mn.us)

Click on "Sign up to receive Crime Alerts and AMBER Alerts."

Sign up to receive alerts on specific crimes related to your business.

Choose your own password and a login will be assigned to you, so you can access and edit your online account.