

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2747

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7 An Act relating to law enforcement; creating the  
8 Oklahoma Blue Alert Act; providing short title;  
9 defining term; directing the Department of Public  
10 Safety to develop and implement statewide blue alert  
11 system; naming statewide coordinator; providing for  
12 the adoption of rules and policies; providing  
13 conditions for implementing blue alerts; authorizing  
14 blue alert notification to other jurisdictions;  
15 requiring annual review of blue alert system  
16 functions; providing for codification; and providing  
17 an effective date.

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1 subdivisions and who is authorized to bear arms in execution of his  
2 or her responsibilities including reserve force deputies, reserve  
3 municipal police officers and tribal law enforcement officers who  
4 are commissioned pursuant to an agreement authorized by Section 1221  
5 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

6 C. The Department of Public Safety shall develop and implement  
7 a statewide blue alert system. The statewide blue alert system  
8 shall be designed to rapidly disseminate useful information in a  
9 predetermined manner to statewide media outlets.

10 D. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall be the statewide  
11 coordinator of the blue alert system. The Commissioner shall adopt  
12 rules and issue directives as necessary to ensure proper  
13 implementation of the alert. An Oklahoma Blue Alert shall be  
14 activated only in accordance with policies established by the  
15 Department of Public Safety and if all of the following conditions  
16 apply:

17 1. A law enforcement officer has been killed or seriously  
18 injured and the law enforcement agency investigating the incident  
19 has information identifying an individual as a suspect connected to  
20 the incident;

21 2. The law enforcement agency that is investigating the suspect  
22 determines that the suspect poses a serious risk or threat to the  
23 public and other law enforcement personnel;

1           3. The law enforcement agency investigating the suspect has  
2 obtained either:

- 3           a. the name of the suspect,
- 4           b. a detailed physical description of the suspect, or
- 5           c. a description of the vehicle of the suspect, vehicle  
6 registration plate numbers or letters or partial  
7 vehicle registration plate numbers or letters; and

8           4. The law enforcement agency investigating the suspect  
9 recommends that the Department of Public Safety activate the Blue  
10 Alert.

11           E. The Commissioner may notify authorities and entities outside  
12 the State of Oklahoma upon verification that the criteria  
13 established under this section have been met.

14           F. The Commissioner shall annually review the function of the  
15 blue alert system and revise its criteria and procedures to provide  
16 for efficient and effective statewide public notification.

17           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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