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Patrick J. Judge  
IADLEST Executive Director  
3287 Tasa Drive  
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Dear Patrick,

On behalf of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, we are pleased to announce the 2011 AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program calendar. Each of the training programs are offered to state, tribal and local law enforcement officials and provide cutting edge investigative approaches and strategies with emphasis on skill building; as well as, new strategies on how to develop Child Abduction Response Teams (CART). All scheduled programs are provided on a regional basis, with the lodging, tuition, training materials, and resource CDs provided at no cost to non-federal agencies/participants. The CART Program provides transportation to and from the training site, as well as lodging, tuition, training materials and resource CDs for approved participants. Our 2011 AMBER Alert training can be found by visiting [www.amber-net.org](http://www.amber-net.org).

This year, we are excited to announce two new opportunities to secure training at the state, local and tribal level through our [online training and technical assistance program](#) located and, the "Training Academy Program", where interested law enforcement training academies have an opportunity to host and sponsor selected training programs. With the Training Academy Program, resources are provided to the selected training academies to provide for tuition, materials, instructors, resource CDs, as well as credentialing documents to assist in gaining POST credit for law enforcement personnel attending the programs. To request a Training Academy Program, click [Training Academy Request Form](#)

With tight budgets and limits on travel, the training opportunities listed in this announcement provide economical ways to secure training for law enforcement personnel and appropriate AMBER Alert partners; and, exemplary training delivered by subject matter experts from across the United States. For agencies unable to attend these training programs, free online training opportunities are also available to law enforcement and public safety telecommunications professionals. At the present time two programs are available, including Public Safety Telecommunicators Course and First Responders

Course. Each are uniquely designed to meet the needs of the targeted audiences. More than 2,000 telecommunications staff have successfully completed the online certificated training program and the First Responders Course is equally as popular. In the near future more online programs will be made available and similar to onsite traditional training, resources will be provided to participants and POST officials to gain credit for attendance. For more information about the online programs click: [AMBER Alert Distance Learning](#)

In order to provide assistance to the various AMBER Alert Programs, we have three liaisons assigned to regions listed below. The liaison is responsible for maintaining contact with each of the AMBER Alert Coordinators within their region to answer questions, gather information from them as needed, assist in coordinating technical assistance, and offer other such support as may be requested. I encourage each of you to contact the liaison within your region if you have questions or need additional information. They are:

Region I – (Northeast and South - AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OK, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WV, PR, VI)  
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Region 2 - (West and Midwest - AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WI, WY)  
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We are pleased to announce these innovative and informative training programs and look forward to serving the law enforcement community in the future.



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