

# Process Paper

As a group, we decided to cover the topic of the AMBER Alert from curiosity of the story and history behind it. How could a little girl's tragic death lead to a system that saves hundreds of lives? That is what our group wanted to study. The Alert is a turning point in history in how law enforcement recover abducted children caused by the public's growing awareness and concern of the safety of their children.

In order to thoroughly understand the full extent of the alerts impact we needed to find credible sources. We found several interviews to analyze, from police officers to AMBER programers. We found not only government documents, but archived online databases, and police field guides. Finally we conducted an interview ourselves with Janell Rasmussen, the AMBER Alert coordinator of Wisconsin, whose help benefited our investigation greatly.

We had help with coding our website to make our bar that contains our background, thesis etc.. but in the end we had accomplished finishing our website in time and without any problems just minor ones in the way but had figured out our designing in the website and how it looked in the end in our progress in advancing with our project. Placing images and text where both look great and figuring out how it would look more presentable.

In the late 20th century, the recovery of lost of abducted children relied on methods such as missing kids milk cartons, missing persons posters, and broadcasts. In 1996, the kidnapping and death of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman led to a turning point in law enforcement history when Senator Orrin Hatch and Congressman Mike Pence sponsored the PROTECT Act was signed, leading to the creation of the Amber Alert system. In addition to the United States, 31 countries have adopted the Amber Alert system, and more than 1,161 of children have been recovered worldwide.

Allows law enforcement to leverage new technology for crowdsourcing; uses the general public as informants, extending the reach of law enforcement resources.  
Link law enforcement info across national and international borders  
Share information easier to track and field info about lost children.  
Increased the number of children recovered annually.