

## **2017 AMBER Alert Success Stories**

### **June 2017 – Lee County**

A fifteen-year-old female was taken from her home by an eighteen-year-old male friend of the family visiting from another state. The child and subject were forbidden to have contact by the child's grandfather. The child contacted her Grandfather stating the male had forced the child in a vehicle against her will. The AMBER Alert was activated; as a result the Florida Highway Patrol stopped the vehicle and recovered the child safely.

### **June 2017 – Marian County**

A six-year-old female was taken by the mother's boyfriend who she had only known for a short time. They were supposed to go the store for a milkshake but did not return. The intentions of the subject were unknown and the child was believed to be in danger. A citizen recognized the vehicle from the AMBER Alert and notified law enforcement. The child was recovered safely.

### **July 2017 – Broward County**

A nine-year-old female was taken by her non-custodial mother. The child was last seen on video leaving a church with her mother, who is only allowed supervised visits. The mother had requested a birth certificate for the child, and told the child's grandmother she was planning to move north. A citizen recognized the child from the AMBER Alert at a gas station and contacted law enforcement. The child was recovered safely.

### **September 2017 – Orange County**

An eleven-year-old female was abducted by a family member. The child's grandmother observed the child being assaulted then abducted and contacted law enforcement. The child was recognized from the AMBER Alert by a citizen who called law enforcement. The child was recovered safely.

### **September 2017 – Manatee County**

Four siblings, a six-year-old female, an eight-year-old female, a ten-year-old male, and a twelve-year-old female were abducted by their non-custodial mother. Due to the mother's past history, the children were believed to be in danger. A citizen recognized the children and mother from the AMBER Alert at a hotel in Alabama and contacted law enforcement. The children were recovered safely.