



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

November 14, 2023

GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 320 – 23

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Acting Governor of American Samoa

Subject: GAO 106670 AMBER Alert Expansion

Via General Memorandum No. 193 – 23, American Samoa Government established a team of relevant stakeholders to participate in an initial call and undertake the efforts necessary for a successful engagement with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) in reviewing the expansion of the AMBER Alert Program, under code 106574.

To further these efforts, I now designate the Department of Public Safety in coordination with the Criminal Justice Planning Agency as the lead organization for this engagement. The following Directors or Heads of the following Departments, Agencies, Offices, and members of the Territorial Emergency Communication Council are asked to continue their diligent and prompt efforts to fully assist and cooperate with this GAO engagement:

Governor's Office	Department of Legal Affairs	ASTCA
Department of Homeland Security	Office of Public Information	Bluesky
South Seas Broadcast, LLC	Moana TV	WVUV -FM
KKHJ-FM	KKBT-FM	KVPP-FM
KULA-LP-FM	KSBS-FM	

There are meetings scheduled for various stakeholders as follows:

- Friday, November 17, 2023 at 9:00 AM SST for Media and Cellular Providers and
- Friday, November 17, 2023 at 10:30 AM SST for Law Enforcement, CIPA and the Fusion Center.

Appropriate designees are hereby notified to be present for the relevant meetings. Please coordinate your efforts to ensure timely response to meet the federal requirements of this GAO notice.

TALAUEGA E. V. ALE
Acting Governor



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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August 2, 2023

GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 193 – 23

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Acting Governor of American Samoa

Subject: GAO 106670 AMBER Alert Expansion

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), in response to a congressional mandate under the William M. (“Mac”) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, is reviewing expansion of the AMBER Alert Program, under code 106574. These efforts will review implementation of amendments made by the National Defense Authorization Act to the PROTECT Act including: DOJ efforts to eliminate AMBER gaps at airports, maritime ports, border crossing areas and checkpoints, and ports of exit from the United States. It will also include expansion of DOT grants including notification systems at airports, maritime ports, border crossing areas, checkpoints, and ports of exit; DOJ grants to U.S. territories; and DOJ efforts to incorporate and coordinate with territories regarding AMBER Alerts and standards. The review will also include challenges related to integrating territories into the AMBER Alert system. GAO must review readiness, educational, technological, and training needs of agencies responding to cases involving missing, abducted, or exploited children.

In compliance with GAO’s letter of June 12, 2023 announcing this engagement, I designate Directors of Heads of the following Departments, Agencies, Offices, and members of the Territorial Emergency

Communication Council to work on this engagement:

Governor's Office	Department of Legal Affairs	ASTCA
Department of Public Safety	Department of Homeland Security	Bluesky
Department of Port Administration	Office of Public Information	ASEDA
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The standard preliminary entrance call is scheduled for Friday, August 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM SST. Designees are hereby notified to be present for this call. Please coordinate your efforts to ensure timely response to meet the federal requirements of this GAO notice.

TALAUEGA E. V. ALE
Acting Governor

Enclosure