

Welcome to the Alaska Department of Public Safety

Media Access Guide



Media Alerts & Notifications

The Alaska Department of Public Safety uses a variety of tools to keep the public and the media informed of critical information across the state. DPS currently uses Nixle to provide mass email and push notification alerts on a myriad of time sensitive topics. Reporters can subscribe to receive these alerts directly through Nixle, we have our alerts separated by detachment. You can visit each Nixle channel to subscribe.

- [A North Detachment \(Kenai Peninsula\)](#)
- [A South Detachment \(Southeast\)](#)
- [B Detachment \(Mat-Su Valley\)](#)
- [D Detachment \(Interior\)](#)
- [Headquarters \(Rest of AK and statewide alerts\)](#)

In addition to our mass notifications via Nixle, we also utilize AKtips to request anonymous crime tips from Alaskans across our area of responsibility. This tool does provide alerting functions as well that are used from time to time to solicit specific information. Interested reporters can download the AKtips Smartphone app for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) or [sign up for email alerts here](#).

The Alaska State Troopers assists with issuing Amber Alerts and Silver Alerts across the state. These alerts are a partnership between the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as well as the Alaska Broadcasters Association. To sign up to receive Amber Alert email notifications please visit: https://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/amber_alert. To sign up for Silver Alert email notification please visit: <https://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/silver.alert>.

The Department of Public Safety also maintains an internal media notification email list. If you would like to receive media notifications via email, please email any member of the public information office to be added to the list.

Daily Dispatches

The Alaska Department of Public Safety publishes brief synopsis from many significant events that occur around the state. These updates are posted by Troopers, administrative staff, and public information officers in real time. The first stop for information about any incident should be our Daily Dispatches page at <https://dailydispatch.dps.alaska.gov/>. If you do not see any information about an incident you have a question about, please reach out to the public information office.

Contact the DPS Public Information Office Staff

Please submit media inquiries, interview requests, or production requests to:
dps.pio@alaska.gov. (This will ensure that your inquiry is responded to in a timely manner.)

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