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To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers
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Subject: **New Purple Alert Program and Revised DPS-81-C**

As a result of Public Act 23-137, now codified at Connecticut General Statutes § 29-1f, a Purple Alert Program has been created to address handling investigations of missing persons with an intellectual disability or other developmental disability.

The protocol for activating a Purple Alert is set forth in Training Bulletin #2025-06 issued by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), Division of State Police Training Academy. The DPS-81-C has been improved upon and amended to reflect the new Purple Alert Program. An updated version of the Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Policy for Handling Missing Persons Investigations will be disseminated in the near future.

You can find the Training Bulletin #2025-06 here: [Training Bulletin #2025-06](#)
You can find the Revised DPS-81-C here: [DPS-81-C](#)

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