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# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Technical and Operational Update (TOU) 20-5: Stolen Vehicle System (SVS) Blue Alert

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## TO: ALL CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (CLETS) USERS

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all law enforcement agencies (LEAs) that pursuant to Government Code section 8594.5, the California Department of Justice (DOJ), has recently updated the Stolen Vehicle System (SVS) to include the BLUE ALERT. This new feature allows LEAs the option to flag a vehicle record with a BLUE ALERT. It's important to note that a BLUE ALERT can only be displayed in the California Felony Vehicle records and will not be displayed in the NCIC Felony Vehicle records. Per the SVS Manual, Section 1.5.6 for entries of Felony Vehicles, the MIS Field must state the type of crime in English (e.g., robbery, terrorist threats, homicide) rather than using the California Penal Code Section. Also, a brief description of the suspect(s) should be included in the MIS Field if available.

According to the California Highway Patrol (CHP), a Blue Alert, "means a violent attack on a law enforcement officer has occurred and a search for the suspect is active. A Blue Alert provides immediate information to the public through media broadcasts, soliciting help from the public in the safe and swift apprehension of the suspect." An entry into the SVS database does not activate a BLUE ALERT Broadcast. The BLUE ALERT should be activated by CHP prior to entry to the SVS database. For more information on CHP alerts, please visit [www.chp.ca.gov](http://www.chp.ca.gov).

Programming updates will be required for agencies utilizing local systems for data entry in order to accommodate the entry type; however, the string format may be used as an alternative. If your agency utilizes LEAWEB, no programming changes will be necessary.

For information on the entry formats, database responses and instructions on how to enter, modify, or cancel the Blue Alert, please refer to the Criminal Justice Information Systems Manual - Sec 1- SVS Terminal Operator's Guide located in the Publications section on the CLEW website at <https://clew.doj.ca.gov/svsabs>.

For questions about this information bulletin, please contact the Stolen Vehicles Unit at (916) 210-3215 or via email at [StolenVehicles@doj.ca.gov](mailto:StolenVehicles@doj.ca.gov).

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