



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

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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 or Heads of the following Departments, Agencies, Offices, and members of the Territorial Emergency

Communication Council to work on this engagement:

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| 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 |
| South Seas Broadcast, LLC | Moana TV | WVUV -FM |
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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.

TALAEUGA E. V. ALE
Acting Governor

Enclosure