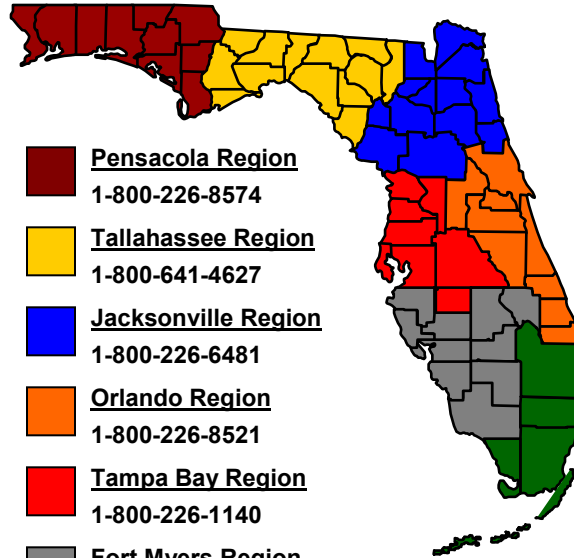


National Model

The Child Abduction Response Team (CART) was a concept that began in Florida after the tragic abduction of Carlie Brucia. In 2004, an executive order was issued by the Florida Governor requesting FDLE to work with local partners and establish CART in every region across the state. The program became a national model adopted by the US Department of Justice in 2005 and recognized as an innovative practice in an IACP National Award. Since its inception, CART has grown to include several DOJ certified regional and local teams within our state. To date, every Governor has since renewed the commitment to CART and has recognized its success in the recovery of missing children.



**For more information, contact
your local FDLE Regional
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-  **Pensacola Region**
1-800-226-8574
-  **Tallahassee Region**
1-800-641-4627
-  **Jacksonville Region**
1-800-226-6481
-  **Orlando Region**
1-800-226-8521
-  **Tampa Bay Region**
1-800-226-1140
-  **Fort Myers Region**
1-800-407-4880
-  **Miami Region**
1-800-226-3023

For Additional Information



Florida Missing Endangered Persons
Information Clearinghouse
www.fdle.state.fl.us/MCICSearch/

Florida Amber Plan
www.fdle.state.fl.us/amberplan

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CART
RESPONSE TEAM



Putting Children First

**A MULTI-AGENCY
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RESPONSE TEAM**



CART is an organized, rapid, and planned response to an abducted child or other missing child incident

When time is a critical element of success, and success means the safe rescue of a child, the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) could make a difference in the outcome of the investigation. CART is a new approach to conducting child abduction investigations that can save precious time in the first few hours following the incident. Because team organization and planning activities have occurred prior to an incident, CART can bring a tool box full of assets ready to deploy to any location.

- ✓ Pre-Identified Assets
- ✓ Pre-Arranged Multi-Agency Commitments
- ✓ Pre-Established Criteria and Protocols
- ✓ Pre-Trained Resources



Participation

CART consists of any local, state, and federal law enforcement agency and public and private sector partners that agree to participate. CART works in conjunction with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) Missing Children Information Clearinghouse (MCIC) to utilize the Amber Alert or the Missing Child Alert when the appropriate criteria for activation are met.



Activation and Resources

The resources identified and assigned to CART do not operate on a full-time basis, but are available to respond as needed and as requested by the agency that is handling the child abduction or missing child incident.

With a single phone call to any of FDLE's Regional Operations Centers, local law enforcement agencies have immediate access to experts in child abduction investigations and personnel trained in the incident command system.



CART Members include:

- ✓ Experienced and Professional Investigators
- ✓ Crime Intelligence Analysts
- ✓ MEPIC Liaison
- ✓ Sex Offender Registry Liaison
- ✓ Forensic Experts
- ✓ Search and Rescue Professionals
- ✓ Leads Coordinator
- ✓ Volunteer Coordinator
- ✓ Family Liaison
- ✓ Public Information Officer
- ✓ Other support personnel



Properly trained and exercised team members bring not only their expertise, but organization and coordination skills, as well as team continuity to the situation. They provide ready access to any needed equipment such as mobile

command posts, all terrain vehicles, search dogs, communications equipment, computers or any other specialty equipment that may be needed to safely rescue a child. Because of the pre-established plan, teams are scalable, able to immediately assemble as many or as few assets as required by the specific situation.



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