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Why Have a Pre-Planned Response?









Top Rese and Bottom Left and Center: Dugard, circa 1991; Bottom Right: Age-progression at age 25 (circa 2005)

Facts and Figures

- 58,200 children are victims of non-family abductions each year.
- 100 200 of those victims are stereotypical kidnappings.
- Approximately ½ of these victims are sexually assaulted during the commission of the crime.

When a Child is Killed

- 99% are murdered within 7 days.
- 91% are murdered within 24 days .
- 74% are murdered within 3 hours.
- 49% are murdered in less than 1 hour.

Statistics from the Washington State Attorney General's Report on Missing Child Homicides

CART is an organized, rapid and planned response which uses all available resources to assist with the number one goal, which is the safe recovery of the child.



What is the Purpose of CART?



Assist in the rapid response of specialized personnel and equipment.

Assist in the apprehension and prosecution of the offenders.

Assist with any task needed to bring the case to conclusion.

Assist in increasing public safety and education regarding child abduction.



In the North State, law enforcement must work as a TEAM!

CART is a resource!

75 dedicated, specialized trained investigators greatly enhances child search and recovery efforts.

Child Abduction Response Team

- First few hours are critical.
- Many agencies have never had a child abduction in their jurisdiction.
- Most officers responding to a child abduction have never investigated a similar crime.
- One single agency will not have all the necessary resources.
- Accessing resources could take valuable time.

There is a lot to do in a short amount of time. You need help.

- Last seen
- Abducted
- Murdered
- Discovered missing
- NCIC entry
- AMBER Alert activated
- Neighborhood canvass
- Rescue/recovery
- Reported missing
- 1st response
- Case verified/founded
- AMBER Alert terminated

Unknowing Witnesses

- Unknowing witnesses are witnesses who saw some aspect of the crime, but at the time were unaware that they were witnessing part of a crime or potential abduction.
- It was discovered that there were unknowing witnesses in 32.9% of cases.
- This would indicate that a neighborhood or area canvass would be of great importance in generating investigative leads.

Neighborhood Canvass

- Neighborhood Canvass should start at the point of the abduction and work outward.
- Second and subsequent neighborhood canvasses shall be conducted at no more than three hour intervals.
- Victim's last known location is usually very close to the site of the initial contact between the killer and the victim.
- Solvability rate increases to 79.7% when initial contact site is known (vs. 23.9% when unknown).

Neighborhood Canvass

- A neighborhood canvass was conducted within
 2.5 hours of a report of an abducted or missing child in 62.1% of the cases.
- A canvass was conducted within 12 hours in 70.4% of the cases.
- In over <u>21%</u> of reported abducted or missing children investigations, <u>no neighborhood</u> canvass was conducted.

 All law enforcement agencies along Interstate 5 are active participants in CART:

- Local PD Corning, Red Bluff, Anderson,
 Redding, Mt. Shasta, Weed, and Yreka
- County Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama
- State CHP
- Federal FBI, HSI

- CART is a support role.
- CART is a committed resource.
- CART brings training, experience, and specialized skills.
- CART brings specialized equipment and resources.

- Each county has a CART team leader. These team leaders are major specialized crimes investigators for participating Sheriff or Police Departments.
- Each team leader, upon request, will discuss with the incident commander the needs for the investigation (Personnel/Skills/Equipment).
- CART can assist obtaining Child Advocacy group support.

CALL-OUT PROCEDURES

- CART can be activated as a full team and/or with regional considerations based on the nature of the incident and needs of the requesting agency.
- The investigating agency will request assistance of the CART.
- All CART activation requests will initially be directed to CART Coordinator or CART Executive.
- Tehama County Sheriff's Office utilizes Everbridge for CART call-outs.

Reminder - Criteria for activating an AMBER Alert:

- 1) The investigating law enforcement agency confirms an abduction has occurred.
- 2) The victim is 17 years of age or younger, or has a proven mental or physical disability.
- 3) The victim is in imminent danger of serious injury or death.
- 4) There is information available that, if provided to the public, could assist in the child's safe recovery.



CART Structure

- Each involved agency has agreed to an MOU.
- CART has a Standard Operating Procedure.
- CART members are trained to work within the ICS structure.
- CART allows for allied agencies to assist in other jurisdictions.
- CART members adhere to their own agency's policies.

CART Investigators

What we Look for

- Are focused and dedicated to finding the missing child.
- Willing to work long hours and be flexible.
- Are self-motivated.
- Will check their ego at the door.
- Specialized human and physical resources.
- Trained in different areas of expertise.
- Ability to conduct comprehensive investigations.

CART Investigators

What we Expect

- Will respond to the staging location as soon as possible.
- Will be committed and prepared for any given assignment.
- Responsible for coordination of media, search teams, legal issues, crime scene, and family support.
- CART is a team and there to help everyone involved.