

# Northern California Child Abduction Response Team (CART)

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- Number of Team Members: ~75
- Number of Participating Agencies: 19 (see list at bottom)
- Team Certification Obtained: June 16, 2016 (Founded in 2010, Semi-operational in January 2012) 22<sup>nd</sup> Nationally-recognized team and the only federally-certified team in California
- Certifying Agency: AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program, A US Department of Justice Initiative, administered through the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College
- **WHAT IS C.A.R.T.?**
  - A formalized multi-agency response to abducted, missing and endangered child cases in a dynamic, timely and efficient manner
  - Team consists of nearly 80 dedicated members Federal, State, and local agencies within **Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama Counties**
  - CART follows the California **Amber Alert** requirements for activation
- **WHY C.A.R.T.?**
  - First few hours are critical
  - 58,200 children are victims of non-family abductions each year
  - 100-200 of these are stereotypical kidnappings
  - Approximately ½ of these victims are sexually assaulted during the commission of the crime.
  - 74% are murdered within 3 hours
  - 91% are murdered with 24 hours
  - 99% are murdered within 7 days
  - May agencies have never had a child abduction in their jurisdiction
  - Most officers responding to a child abduction have never investigated an abduction
  - Inter-agency approach provides expert resources to augment organized investigation
  - Assures victim family and community that all resources available were utilized for the successful recovery of the child
- Participating Agencies: Anderson Police Department, Corning Police Department, Mount Shasta Police Department, Red Bluff Police Department, Redding Police Department, Weed Police Department, Yreka Police Department, Shasta County Sheriff Department, Siskiyou County Sheriff Department, Tehama County Sheriff Department, Shasta County District Attorney's Office, Tehama County District Attorney's Office, Shasta County Child Support Services, Siskiyou County District Attorney's Office, Siskiyou County Probation Department, Tehama County Probation Department, California Highway Patrol (Northern Division, Mount Shasta Area, Red Bluff Area, Redding Area, and Yreka Area), Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Department of Homeland Security & Investigations.