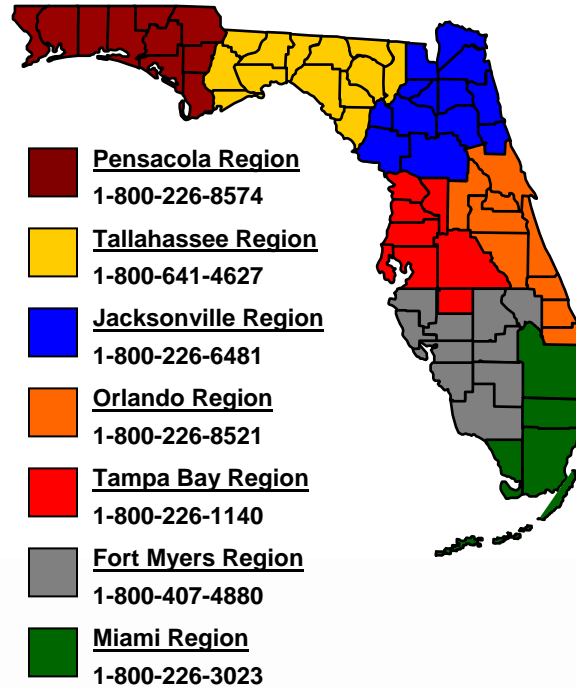


National Model

The Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs has adopted CART nationwide to respond quickly to incidents of missing and abducted children. In 2005, Florida CART received the International Association of Chiefs of Police ChoicePoint Excellence in Criminal Investigations Award.



For more information, contact
your local FDLE Regional
Operations Center:



To report a missing child or abducted child, please contact your local law enforcement agency first then call FDLE's Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC) at 850-410-8585 or at 1-888-FL-MISSING (356-4774).

For Additional Information



Florida Missing Endangered
Persons Information
Clearinghouse (MEPIC)
www.fdle.state.fl.us

Florida Amber Plan
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CHILD ABDUCTION
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 private sector partners that agree to participate. CART works in conjunction with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC) 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 Coordinator
- ✓ 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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