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Fort Myers Regional Operations Center
4700 Terminal Drive, Suite 1
Fort Myers, FL 33907
800-407-4880

Jacksonville Regional Operations Center
921 North Davis Street
Building E
Jacksonville, FL 32209
800-226-6481

Pensacola Regional Operations Center
1301 North Palafox Street
Pensacola, FL 32501
800-226-8574

Tallahassee Regional Operations Center
2331 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308
800-342-0820

Miami Regional Operations Center
1030 NW 111th Avenue
Miami, FL 33172
800-226-3023

Orlando Regional Operations Center
500 W. Robinson Street
Orlando, FL 32801
800-226-8521

Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center
4211 N. Lois Avenue
Tampa, FL 33614
800-226-1140

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For additional information:

**FL Missing Children Information
Clearinghouse**
www.fdle.state.fl.us



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



A Child Is Missing, Inc.
www.achildismissing.org



CHILD ABDUCTION
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CART

An organized, rapid, and planned response to a child abduction or other missing child incident

A child abduction or other missing child incident, whether it occurs in Florida or anywhere in the country, draws tremendous media and public attention, as it should. Historically, law enforcement has done a good job of responding to these incidents and has often employed specialized investigative tools and resources, such as the Amber Alert, in an attempt to ensure a safe recovery of the child.

The Child Abduction Response Team (CART) activates, when requested, in any of FDLE's seven regions. The Team consists of any local, state, and federal law enforcement agency that agrees to participate. Private sector partners are also encouraged to participate. CART is designed to provide assistance and investigative resources to the local agency that has jurisdiction over the incident. The local agency remains the lead investigative agency for the incident. The team acts as a "Force Multiplier" for the impacted agency.

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

CART works in conjunction with the FDLE Missing Children Information Clearinghouse (MCIC).

In response to the concern for missing children in Florida, the 1982 Florida Legislature appropriated funds to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the establishment of the first state MCIC in the nation. The program provides liaison among citizens, private organizations and law enforcement officials regarding missing children information.

CART and the MCIC will utilize the Amber Alert or the Missing Child Alert when the appropriate criteria for activation are established.



To report a missing child or abducted child, please contact your local law enforcement agency first and then call MCIC at (850)410-8585 or toll free at 1-888-FL-MISSING(356-4774).

FDLE in conjunction with the Department of Community Affairs and the Florida Association of Broadcasters, Inc. established the FLORIDA AMBER PLAN. The purpose of the Plan is to broadcast critical information of a missing/abducted child believed to be in danger, in a timely manner, to the general public via radio and television. In August 2002, the State began the expansion of the Florida Amber Plan to include partnerships with the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Highway Patrol and with the Florida Department of Lottery, which will allow for the usage of road signs and lottery machines

The Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs has adopted CART nationwide to respond quickly to incidents of missing and abducted children. Modeled after Florida's teams, DOJ's regional teams will include law enforcement investigators, forensic experts, AMBER Alert coordinators, policy makers, search and rescue professionals, crime intelligence analysts, victim service providers and other interagency resources.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police awarded Florida CARTs with the 2005 IACP/ChoicePoint Excellence in Criminal Investigations Award.