

State of Georgia Child Abduction Response Team

The Child Abduction Response Team (CART) is a team of individuals from various state agencies who are trained and prepared to respond to a missing/endangered or abducted child. CART pulls together resources to aid in the search and rescue effort and to assist the agency of jurisdiction in its investigation. Many agencies have never encountered a child abduction and most officers have never investigated a similar crime. One single agency will not have all the necessary resources and with no plan in place, accessing resources could take valuable time.

The Georgia CART creates a mutual aid resource inventory and allows for the rapid and organized response required in missing children investigations. Agencies participating in the CART include:

- Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- Georgia State Patrol
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- Georgia Emergency Management Agency
- Georgia Department of Corrections
- Georgia Department of Human Resources
- Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
- Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles
- Georgia Department of Transportation

The occurrence of any of the following may initiate investigative and forensic involvement, assistance or coordination by CART members:

- ✓ The non-family abduction of a minor child (under the age of 18); or
- ✓ The abduction of a minor child with endangerment circumstances; or
- ✓ Any other abduction or missing child investigation that requires immediate response in order to protect the well-being of the child.

Activation of CART:

- Missing child reported to local law enforcement agency
- Local law enforcement agency contacts the GBI Communications Center
- GBI Communications Center contacts SAC for that region
- SAC gathers all information pertaining to missing child
- SAC requests activation of CART Team. Activation subject to Inspector approval.