

**To: All Alaska State Law Enforcement and SAR members**

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From: AST Lt. Brandon Anderson – Alaska State Amber Alert Coordinator, and  
APDST Director Danny Brown – Alaska CART Coordinator

During the past few months many of you may have heard about the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) training that has been promoted throughout the South Central Region and Fairbanks. CART is part of the Amber Alert response system and is being taught nationally by Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) via a contract with the Federal Department of Justice.

Many Alaska law enforcement and SAR personnel have been able to travel to these training classes taught in the lower 48 over the past several months. In September 2007 two training classes will be taught by FVTC in the Amber Alert series: CART, and Investigative Strategies for Missing and Abducted Children (ISMAC). Each of these training classes last 4 ½ days – Monday to mid-Friday. All classes are taught by FVTC trainers, consultants and/or the investigating detectives from locations where actual child abductions took place.

Lt. Anderson and I have worked with FVTC representatives to bring these training classes up here to Anchorage. Currently FVTC is scheduled to present the training the week of September 24th – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Marriott Downtown Anchorage hotel. Not only are these classes being offered to Alaskans, but nationally also.

I know this seems early to be announcing the training classes but only 60 people per class are allowed, so only 120 people can attend the combined two training classes for this week. As mentioned, this will be offered nationally, but Alaskans have first chance at attending. I will register all the Alaska attendees.

I will be gathering a list of names with your contact information and agency or SAR team which you represent. Law Enforcement will have priority followed by volunteer SAR. I will try to have representation from as many agencies and SAR as possible.

FVTC teaches these courses under a contract with DOJ. Once registered and accepted by FVTC to attend. FVTC will pay for training, airfare to Anchorage and hotel room (if needed), which is about an \$1100 savings per person. Attending people will have to pay for their own meals and/or auto rental (if needed). Again, FVTC pays for your training, airfare (round trip of course) to Anchorage and hotel room (at Downtown Marriott hotel, if needed)). Your part of the contract is that you'll attend everyday (or FVTC will bill you \$1100 for missing class) and become part of a CART Team in your area and/or help set one up.

If you are interested in this training and would like to be considered to attend please contact me on my email: [dbrown@ahfc.state.ak.us](mailto:dbrown@ahfc.state.ak.us)

Thank you,  
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Posted on the ASARA web page; the APDST web page @ [www.apdst.org](http://www.apdst.org); Alaska State Troopers and other agencies.



## **Child Abduction Response Teams (CART)**

The Child Abduction Response Team (CART) training program is designed for professionals from a variety of fields within a community that may be involved in the immediate response to a missing or abducted child incident. Submission of an application does not guarantee participation in the program. Applications will be evaluated based upon the strength of the application, team composition, and goals and objectives of the team. **Length of program is 4-1/2 days.**

**Target audience:** Attendance for this program requires team participation. A minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 team members are permitted.

## **Investigative Strategies for Missing and Abducted Children (ISMAC)**

This course is designed to provide law enforcement investigators and investigative supervisors with the information necessary to properly understand, recognize, and investigate cases involving missing and abducted children. Participants will get an overview covering scope and scale issues related to missing and abducted children as well as available resources. Participants will become familiar with how to manage a missing or abducted child case including initial response as well as an overview of interviewing and interrogation techniques. The course then delves deeper as participants explore crime scene evidence collection and processing, profiling suspects and legal issues including search warrants and interrogation related to a missing or abducted child. Hands-on, team activities will assist the participant to develop or improve their own investigative response. **Length of program is 4-1/2 days.**

**Target audience:** Attendance should be investigative personnel for law enforcement and other government-related child protection agencies.