

Missing Children Law Enforcement Training

2012 AMBER Alert Training Calendar

Please visit our website at www.amber-net.org to register online, view course descriptions and obtain additional course information.

Location	ISMAC	CART	SITCAC	Forensics	Leadership	Canvassing
Cincinnati, OH	3/26–29/12 35064	3/26–29/12 35066	3/26–29/12 35065			
Atlanta, GA				4/30–5/2/12 35057	4/30–5/1/12 35059	4/30–5/2/12 35193
Austin, TX	8/6–9/12 40129	8/6–9/12 40128	8/6–9/12 40130			
Portland, OR				8/27–29/12 50341	8/27–28/12 50343	8/27–29/12 50345
Louisville, KY	9/17–20/12 50335	9/17–20/12 50339	9/17–20/12 50337			
Omaha, NE				10/30–11/1/12 50342	10/30–31/12 50344	10/30–11/1/12 50346
Raleigh, NC	12/3–6/12 50336	12/3–6/12 50340	12/3–6/12 50338			

All dates are subject to change. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Tuition, lodging (except Federal participants) and training materials will be provided to the participant. You may register for more than one training opportunity.

Transportation will only be covered for CART non-Federal participants. For all other programs, transportation expense is the responsibility of the participant. Agencies with a financial hardship may apply for a scholarship to cover the cost of transportation. Final decision making authority rests with Fox Valley Technical College's AMBER Alert Program Director. A printable copy of the scholarship request form is available at our website (www.amber-net.org). ***Scholarship applications must be submitted immediately after registering and will not be considered if received after participant has been approved for a course.***

Acceptance priority will be given to 'in region' participants applying for scholarships, as well as CART programs.

Program Descriptions

A wide range of training and technical assistance is available to support enhancement of the AMBER Alert program.

Basic Forensic Response to Missing and Abducted Children

This course is designed to enhance the forensic skills of law enforcement professionals responsible for crime scene investigations including missing and abducted children cases. Topics covered include: pre-planning, chain of custody issues/evidence security, crime scene identification and preservation, crime mapping and photography, trace evidence, fingerprints/palm prints, DNA/body fluids, composite sketching/forensic art and electronic evidence. Hands-on, facilitated activities will give the participants a chance to try some of the techniques taught in class.

One module of this program will be devoted to Identi-Kit training. In order to benefit from this training module, if at all possible, participants should bring with them a laptop computer containing Windows 98 or a later version. The participant's department will receive a contract with the Identi-Kit Corporation which will entitle the department to receive a license and free use of Identi-Kit software for six months. As a result of attending this training program, participants will be certified Identi-Kit operators. Length of program is 2½ days.

Target audience: Law enforcement professionals including crime scene specialists, first responders, and investigators.

Canvassing, Search and Recovery Strategies for Abducted Children

This course is designed to provide law enforcement investigative and supervisory personnel with the critical skills on how to conduct effective canvassing investigations and operations, as well as effective search tactics and methods to recover abducted children. This hands-on course of training will be limited to law enforcement personnel who have the responsibilities for conducting canvassing and search operations. Length of course is 3 days.

Target Audience: Law enforcement personnel with responsibilities for conducting and managing search and/or canvassing operations involving missing or abducted children.

Child Abduction Response Team (CART)

The Child Abduction Response Team (CART) training program is a multi-disciplinary approach to responding to a missing or abducted child incident. Team composition is critical to a CART's implementation and long-term success. Commitment from the Chief Executive Officer(s) CEO(s) is required before a team will be reviewed and accepted for placement in CART training.

Each jurisdiction is different in its approach to responding to missing and abducted children; some jurisdictions have more resources than others, however, the following disciplines are suggested for a "working team". Representatives from: law enforcement; legal agencies; probation and parole; communications; victim advocates; social service agencies; emergency management personnel to include fire/rescue and search and recovery units; school resource officers; and other key stakeholders that the CART Coordinator and CEO(s) identify as necessary to a CART's overall ability to be successful in the recovery of a missing or abducted child incident.

Applications will be evaluated based upon meeting the requirements of the multi-disciplinary team composition; the stated goals and objectives of the team; and the commitment of the team and CEO(s) to launch and maintain a CART. Length of training program is 3½ days.

Target audience: Attendance for this program requires at least 4 team members from varying disciplines, i.e. a team cannot be comprised only of law enforcement, and a recommended maximum of 12 members. Any exceptions require approval of the AMBER Alert Program Director.

Child Abduction Response Team Certification

This training program will involve an actual child abduction exercise to test the proficiency and capabilities of CART programs. Teams will be intensely evaluated in response, policy compliance, operational capacity and overall performance. Teams successfully completing the training, policy compliance standards and other certification requirements will be certified for performance.

This certification is offered on a technical assistance basis. To request CART Certification, contact 877-71-AMBER or askamber@fvtc.edu.

Target Audience: Attendance will be restricted to teams completing the CART program.

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. Length of program is 4½ days.

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

Leadership for Missing and Abducted Children (LMAC)

This course is designed for law enforcement managers and executives who make policy-level decisions and influence administration and implementation of AMBER Alert Plans in their agency. Topics that will be covered in this course will include a scope and scale overview of the issues related to missing and abducted children, key components of an AMBER policy and the elements of a comprehensive child recovery plan, how to develop a memorandum of understanding with other agencies, and how to engage or disengage the media on child abduction cases. Case studies will be used to exemplify the course content and participants will have the opportunity to improve their AMBER Alert/child recovery plan through guided facilitation. Length of program is 2 days.

Target audience: Law enforcement managers and executives.

Specialized Investigative Techniques in Child Abduction Cases (SITCAC)

This training program is designed for investigative and supervisory professionals with direct investigative or case management responsibilities and, who have an established foundation and experience in conducting investigations involving abducted, kidnapped, exploited, or murdered children. Participants must have an established experiential base to attend. The course will focus on legal issues, understanding D.N.A. as an investigative resource, and computer forensics issues in child victimization cases. Additional topics include cell phone and cell tower technologies as they relate to these complex investigations; training on the impact of human trafficking in child exploitation and the use of cold case investigative strategies; as well as methodologies for data mining and Fusion Centers information acquisition as a means of investigative lead development. Length of program is 4 ½ days.

Target audience: Attendance is restricted to experienced investigative personnel.

AMBER Alert Distance Learning

Patrol First Response for Missing and Abducted Children

This 100% online course is designed to provide law enforcement officers responsible for patrol and first response duties with the tools and training which promote swift and decisive response in the critical, early stages of incidents involving missing and abducted children.

<https://www.thecjportal.org/AmberAlert/Courses/DistanceLearning/PATMAC/Pages/default.aspx>

Public Safety Telecommunications Best Practices for Missing and Abducted Children

This 100% online course is designed to provide public safety telecommunicators, call-takers and dispatchers with the tools and training which promote swift and decisive response in the critical, early stages of incidents involving missing and abducted children. This course may also be taken by sworn officers who work closely with telecommunications in the areas of NCIC and data management when such incidents occur.

<https://www.thecjportal.org/AmberAlert/Courses/DistanceLearning/Telecommunications/Pages/default.aspx>

Technical Assistance

The AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program offers three types of Technical Assistance Services: <http://www.amber-net.org/technicalassistance.html>

1. **Limited technical assistance** involves working with AMBER Alert staff to locate information, materials, or a resource person who can supply information related to specific questions and/or issues.
2. **Moderate technical assistance** involves the AMBER Alert staff working closely with the requester to determine the exact nature of the issue to assess whether or not more significant issues or problems exist which require further information and/or brief telephone consultation with knowledgeable resource persons.
3. **On-site training and/or long-term technical assistance** is needed when the requester(s) and the AMBER Alert staff/consultants determine that the issues are significant and may require direct contact with AMBER Alert staff/consultants and/or subject matter experts.

We also offer **Technical Assistance-Based Onsite Trainings** which allows an agency/department to partner with us in bringing one of our AMBER Alert courses to a specific area and group of participants. Complete details on the requirements for the hosting agency are outlined in the Technical Assistance Training or Academy Request form:

- Basic Forensic Response to Missing and Abducted Children
- Canvassing, Search, and Recovery Strategies for Abducted Children
- Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Training
- Child Abduction Response Team Certification
- Investigative Strategies for Missing and Abducted Children (ISMAC)
- Leadership for Missing and Abducted Children (LMAC)
- Specialized Investigative Techniques in Child Abduction Cases (SITCAC)
- AMBER Alert Broadcast and Media Training
- Mock child abduction scenario planning and evaluation

Contact: Phil Keith, Program Director
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Responding to Missing & Unidentified Persons National Training Conference

<https://www.thecjportal.org/CJCI/conferences/missing/Pages/missing.aspx>

Sponsored by Fox Valley Technical College, Criminal Justice Center for Innovation

This Annual National Training Conference will help participants navigate the complex investigative issues necessary to bring resolution to families of the missing, law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. Attend this conference to learn the importance of having an inter-agency protocol to build and implement a strong, viable plan for responding to missing persons' cases.

- Law Enforcement:** Administrators, Investigators, Patrol, K-9 search and rescue officers, medical examiners, coroners, and members of the forensic community
- Education:** Administrators, academic counselors, school resource/liaison officers and campus security officers
- Community:** Coalition members, faith-based personnel, representatives from non-profit organizations, advocates supporting aging/at-risk populations, and families of the missing
- Service Occupations:** State clearinghouse staff, victim and child welfare advocates, social service and medical professionals

For questions about the Responding to Missing & Unidentified Persons Conference contact Barbara Nelson at nelsonb@fvtc.edu or (920) 735-4818 / (800) 370-1752.

National Center Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) Law Enforcement Trainings:

http://missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PageServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=1918

Course Descriptions and Schedules

[Forensic Imaging Training Course](#)

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children offers a one-week training course in forensic imaging techniques. The course is offered free-of-charge to law-enforcement artists or those non-sworn individuals having a contractual relationship with a recognized law-enforcement agency.

[Missing and Exploited Children Chief Executive Officer Seminar \(CEO\)](#)

A two-day seminar providing Police Chiefs and Sheriffs an orientation to issues related to missing and exploited children's cases including effective policies and practices, technical assistance, training, and available resources.

[Protecting our Children \(POC\)](#)

This comprehensive training program is an 8-hour class that presents updated information on the dynamics of crimes committed against children, from sexual abuse and exploitation to sex trafficking and abduction. The program will cover the vulnerability of victims, the tactics used by the offenders, and the latest prevention strategies to protect children in the real world and online.

[First Responder Training – Missing and Abducted Children](#)

This comprehensive program is an 8-hour training designed to provide critical information to those officers and investigators who will respond to a missing child report and whose knowledge, skill and ability may make the difference between prompt recovery and a protracted investigation. Presented in a fast-pace format, this course is accentuated with high impact videos, case histories, investigative scenarios and group participation exercises.

9-1-1 Call Center Partner Program. Compliance shows a 9-1-1 call center has incorporated the best practices in its policies and training and made a commitment to follow these best practices.

http://missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PageServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=3218

University North Texas Center for Human Identification (UNTCHI):

<https://www.forensiced.org/index.cfm>

Free online forensic science training courses, including new courses developed by the UNTCHI Forensic Services Unit and RTI International, with funding from the National Institute of Justice, entitled "Establishing a Missing Persons Protocol", "Investigative Strategies: Missing & Unidentified Persons", "Cold Case Safety Net: Missing and Unidentified Persons", and "Clandestine Burial Sites". These courses were designed to provide agencies with tips and resources to help them better respond to missing and unidentified person cases. These courses are also open to the public.

National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC)

http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_UpcomingDNAWebinars452

- DNA webinars for law enforcement & victim advocate providers free online
- **Using DNA Evidence to Solve Missing Persons, Homicide, and Trafficking Cases** August 11, 2010 This Webinar will present an overview of the University of North Texas's human identification program and how they are using DNA and the national DNA database to bring closure to missing persons and homicide cases. Participants will learn what law enforcement, victim service providers, and other professionals can do to provide guidance to families of missing loved ones. Presenters will discuss innovative uses of DNA to prevent human trafficking.

- *Speakers:* [Art Eisenberg](#), PhD, University of North Texas Center for Human Identification; [Officer G.W. Adams](#), University of North Texas Health Science Center Police Department; [B.J. Spamer](#), University of North Texas Center for Human Identification, Forensic Services Unit
- Presentation Slides: [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#) | [Part 3](#) | [Part 4](#)
- [Recording of Web Presentation](#)