



INTENT AND PURPOSE

When a child is abducted, time becomes a critical factor in effecting a safe rescue. Rapid response requires pre-identified multi-agency resources, an operational plan and protocols, and a well-equipped, trained and exercised team.

In an effort to enhance each agency's ability to respond quickly and effectively to a missing or abducted child within their jurisdiction, the St. Joseph Police Department (SJPD) has established an inter-agency Child Abduction Response Team known as the St. Joseph Regional Child Abduction Response Team (SJR CART). The principal goals of SJR CART are:

1. Establish standards for teamwork, interagency cooperation and a rapid unified response
2. Maximize effectiveness through facilitating immediate access to specialized services, equipment and devices
3. The rescue and safe return of abducted children through dedicated and intensive investigative, preventative, and general law enforcement efforts
4. The arrest and successful prosecution of criminal abductors
5. Maintain preparedness through continued training and exercises

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