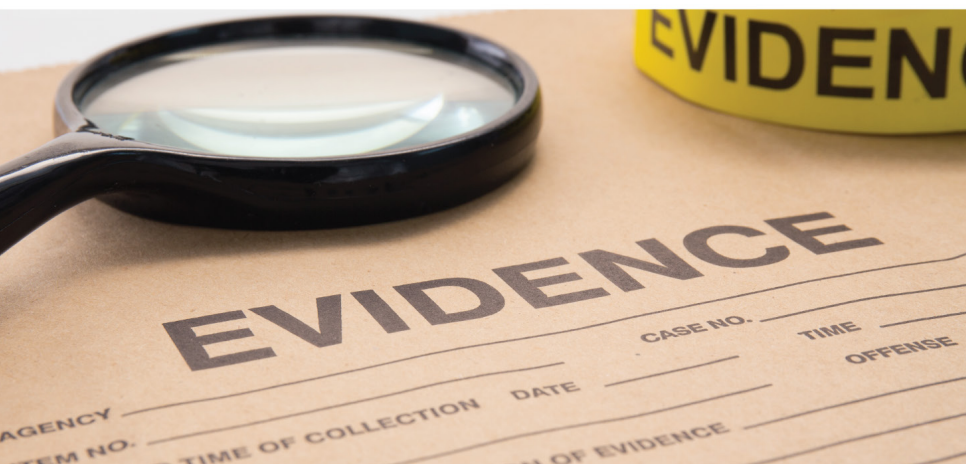


AMBER ALERT

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Training and Technical Assistance Opportunities

At the National Criminal Justice Training Center, it's our mission to equip you with the right training and tools to affect lasting and meaningful change in your community.





About AMBER Alert

The AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Program brings you a wide variety of NO FEE training opportunities to improve the investigative response of local, regional, state, and tribal law enforcement to high risk victims, children in crisis and the commercial sexual exploitation of youth. Through this program, you will increase collaboration, improve skills, and develop effective policies and best practices to protect and safely recover missing, endangered, and abducted children.

AMBER Alert training courses can be hosted by local, regional, state, and tribal law enforcement training academies, agencies, or organizations. In addition to training courses, we offer technical assistance to help you address a community concern. We encourage you to collaborate with your law enforcement, public safety, and non-profit partners to identify your training needs and bring training to your community.

There are no registration fees to attend AMBER Alert training. The AMBER Alert T/TA Program will cover all direct costs of training (instructor expenses, training material and logistics support). Host agencies or organizations may assist in marketing and outreach, providing an appropriate venue, and onsite coordination responsibilities.

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For more information or to view scheduled training dates and locations, visit www.ncjtc.fvtc.edu/AMBER. To schedule one of the training or technical assistance programs outlined here, contact (877) 71-AMBER, email askamber@fvtc.edu, or complete the Request Training form online at ncjtc.org.

AMBER Alert in Indian Country



Ashlynn's Story

On May 2, 2016, 11-year-old Ashlynn Mike and her 9-year-old brother, Ian, were abducted after school on the Navajo Reservation near their home in Shiprock, New Mexico. Hours after the abduction, Ian was able to escape his abductor and subsequently would be found wandering in the desert, looking for help. Although her parents began frantic outreach efforts to find Ashlynn, a series of misunderstandings about the AMBER Alert process and jurisdictional hurdles delayed the issuance of an AMBER Alert until the following day, when Ashlynn was discovered brutally murdered in a remote area of the Navajo Reservation.

"The tragedy of Ashlynn's case highlights the need for comprehensive child abduction recovery plans on tribal lands. No community is immune from predators who would take a child and commit such a terrible crime. Our tribal, state, local, and federal partners must work together to ensure that Native American children enjoy the same protections, resources, and efforts in the cities and counties around the country."

Janell Rasmussen, Program Administrator

AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program,
National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley
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The National Response

Immediately following the abduction, the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children partnered with the Navajo Nation to support the full development of an AMBER Alert Plan for the Navajo Nation. This plan included agreements between New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah, with all of the states, committing their assistance to the Navajo Nation in issuing and managing AMBER Alerts.

Congress passed the Ashlynn Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018, which amends the PROTECT Act, to allow for grants to states and federally recognized Indian tribes to:

- Develop or enhance programs and activities for the support of AMBER Alert communications plans.
- Integrate tribal AMBER Alert systems into state AMBER Alert systems.
- Integrate state or regional AMBER Alert communication plans with an Indian tribe.
- Allow the waiver of the matching funds requirement for grants awarded to Indian tribes.

Classroom Training		Training Hours	Law Enforcement	Public Safety (Gov't)	Legal Professionals	Social Workers	Probation & Parole	Tribal Leaders
1	Advanced Cold Case Long-Term Missing Children Investigations	16	✓	✓	✓		✓	
2	Advanced Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases	32	✓	✓	✓		✓	
3	AMBER Alert Activation Best Practices (AAABP)	8	✓	✓				
4	Canvassing, Search and Recovery Strategies for Abducted Children	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	CART Commander Training	8	✓					
6	Child Abduction Response Team Training (CART)	24	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Child Abduction Tabletop Exercise - 4 Hrs	4	✓		✓	✓		
8	Community Response to Missing and Exploited Children in Indian Country	16	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Digital Evidence Investigations	24	✓	✓	✓		✓	
10	First Responder Roles in Missing and Abducted Child Cases	8	✓					✓
11	Initial Crime Scene Response in Child Abduction Investigations	16	✓		✓			✓
12	Initial Response Strategies and Tactics When Responding to Missing Children Incidents	8	✓					✓
13	Initial Response to Child Sex Trafficking	8	✓		✓	✓		
14	Interrogation Techniques for Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Investigations	24	✓		✓			
15	Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases	32	✓		✓		✓	
16	Law Enforcement Investigative Response to Child Sex Trafficking	24	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
17	Missing Child Investigations in Indian Country	16	✓	✓	✓			✓
18	Missing Child Investigations in Indian Country - Instructor Training	24	✓	✓	✓			✓
19	Prosecutor Strategies for Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Cases	16	✓		✓	✓	✓	
20	Responding to Missing and Abducted College Students	8	✓					
21	Response to At-Risk Missing and High-Risk Endangered Missing Children	8	✓		✓	✓		
22	SBI Cross Border Child Abduction Training	14	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Telecommunications Best Practices for Missing and Abducted Children	8	✓	✓			✓	

Self-Paced Online Training		Training Hours	Law Enforcement	Public Safety (Gov't)	Legal Professionals	Social Workers	Probation & Parole	Tribal Leaders
24	Building AMBER Alert in Indian Country	1	✓	✓		✓		✓
25	CART Commander Online Training (CART-COMM)	6	✓					
26	Checklist Training for Investigative Officers	1	✓	✓				
27	Child Abduction Response Team Training for New Members (CART)	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
28	Investigative Checklist Training for Patrol First Responders	1	✓					
29	Investigative Checklist Training for Supervisory Officers	1	✓					
30	Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases (ISCAC-Online)	6	✓	✓	✓			
31	Law Enforcement and Community Response to CST and Exploitation in Indian Country-Online	1	✓	✓		✓		✓
32	Patrol First Response for Missing and Abducted Children (PATMAC)	6	✓	✓				
33	Responding to Recovered High Risk and Endangered Missing Cases – An Introduction for Law Enforcement Officers	3	✓					
34	Telecommunications Best Practices for Missing and Abducted Children (TELMAC)	6	✓	✓				



CLASSROOM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

1) Advanced Cold Case Long-Term Missing Children Investigations

Endangered missing and child abduction cases are one of the most difficult and dynamic investigations facing law enforcement and the community. Unfortunately, these cases can go unsolved, prolonging the pain for the family and increasing the difficulty faced by investigators. Keeping the case alive, working with the family and never losing hope are key. Join us to improve investigative techniques and efforts on long-term missing and cold case missing children investigations. Learn the dynamics of conducting these type of cases through examination of case studies and interactive discussions. Uncover specific investigative techniques, including DNA technology, and best practices to improve the skills and capacities of law enforcement personnel assigned to long-term missing cases.

2) Advanced Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases

Learn the investigative value of DNA, digital and social media as an investigative resource for potential evidence for endangered, missing, abducted, and exploitation investigations. Gain critical knowledge of techniques to fully corroborate the investigation through interactive exercises. Learn strategies to evaluate and investigate cold cases involving missing and abducted children. Additional topics discussed include cell phone and cell tower technologies as they relate to these complex investigations.

3) AMBER Alert Activation Best Practices (AAABP)

Enhance your agency's AMBER Alert activations by utilizing new strategies. Examine training requirements and procedures for activating an AMBER Alert and gain an in-depth review of current best practices, trends and analytics, and industry leaders. Explore current abduction trends, laws related to mandatory notifications, yearly statistics, and resources available during an activation.

4) Canvassing, Search and Recovery Strategies for Abducted Children

Join us for this important training to gain the critical skills needed to plan, conduct, and manage effective search and canvassing operations to recover missing and abducted children. Learn specific techniques and tactics, how to leverage information from technology and mobile devices, and relevant legal considerations, to aid in successful search and canvass operations. Apply techniques and strategies learned through scenario-based exercises.

5) CART Commander Training

The CART Commander plays a critical role in organization and installation of a successful Child Abduction Response Team (CART). As a prospective Child Abduction Response Team (CART) leader, you will learn about the command and supervisory duties related to the development, sustainment, and deployment of the CART. You will gather best practices from other commanders and discuss lessons learned in the development of their team's multidisciplinary approach for responding to a missing or abducted child incident. Acquire new tools to help you organize training and prepare for the planning process of CART certification.

6) Child Abduction Response Team Training (CART)

Take steps toward implementing a successful Child Abduction Response Team (CART) by bringing together a team of experts whose knowledge, skills, and abilities will be beneficial in a child abduction case. Join us to learn how to develop a multidisciplinary Child Abduction Response Team (CART) for responding to endangered, missing, or abducted children. Hear about the impact a child abduction has on the family and learn the fundamentals of developing an effective responsive CART team. Examine incident command considerations, search and canvassing operations, CART activation, and resources to improve the response, investigation, search, and canvass activities associated with missing children investigations.

7) Child Abduction Tabletop Exercise - 4 Hr

Test the organization's response in conducting an initial investigation into searching for a missing or abducted child using the Incident Command System (ICS). Employ strategies and responses in mitigating and resolving the emergency. Participate in a multidisciplinary tabletop exercise, developed by the Department of Homeland Security to build cohesiveness within the investigative team when responding to an emergency.

8) Community Response to Missing and Exploited Children in Indian Country

Join tribal leaders, public safety and emergency management personnel, and AMBER Alert partners to learn the dynamics of missing and exploited children in Indian Country. Examine the AMBER Alert program, efforts to identify and prevent child exploitation, and best practices for planning and executing the initial response when a child goes missing. Explore resources and tools currently available to assist law enforcement officers in missing child investigations. Discuss strategies that will improve the community's response to missing and exploited children.

9) Digital Evidence Investigations

Gain critical information and techniques to improve capabilities to conduct digital evidence preservation, collection, and analysis in missing, endangered and abducted child investigations. Understand the role digital evidence provides in the recovery of the victims, identifying possible suspect(s) or linking the suspect and the victim in child abduction exploitation, and child sex trafficking cases.

10) First Responder Roles in Missing and Abducted Child Cases

Gather the policy, procedural, and operational resources you need to support swift, decisive, and effective actions when missing and abducted children incidents occur. From call intake through initial on-scene response, you will learn concrete operational response tactics that address the urgent and complex implications these cases present for first responders. Review model policies and operational protocols for effective incident intake, scene security, family and witness incidents, search and canvass, and data management that can be applied and/or customized for integration within your agency or jurisdiction.



11) Initial Crime Scene Response in Child Abduction Investigations

Learn new methodologies to make an immediate physical crime scene assessment and how to identify, initiate, and manage emergency disclosure requests through mobile network operators and related content providers. Topics discussed include properly preserving computers and external devices, vehicle information systems, GPS navigation, toll transponders, automated license plate readers, commercial fleet data from vehicle rental companies, and variety of driver services such as Uber and Lyft. You will learn how to properly identify, obtain and preserve network, and provider information.

12) Initial Response Strategies and Tactics When Responding to Missing Children Incidents

In the initial response to endangered missing or child abduction incidents, accurate and timely situational assessments, and immediate resource deployment are critical. During this training, first responders will gain knowledge of the investigative activities that occur during an endangered missing or child abduction investigation, and how their actions influence the short- and long-term response of law enforcement. Learn the impact the missing and or abducted child incident has on the family and how this can impact your response. Examine the critical and necessary first steps for first responders, initial supervisory and investigative response. Gain best practices strategies for search and canvass implementation.

13) Initial Response to Child Sex Trafficking

Gain critical trauma informed information necessary to recognize, and respond to cases involving child sex trafficking and exploitation of children. Explore the dynamics of child sex trafficking and exploitation to improve skills related to victim identification and recovery, interviewing techniques for recovered victims, and effective techniques for corroborating the investigation to hold the perpetrator(s) accountable. This training is designed for first responders, law enforcement investigators, patrol officers, social service providers, and medical professionals.

14) Interrogation Techniques for Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Investigations

Through an in-depth study of the entire interrogation process, learn the conversational approach to the suspect interview to obtain a full confession in child exploitation, child maltreatment and other victim related crimes. Critical stages of the interrogation process will be broken down into sections of the process, to include: suspect rights, pre-interrogation interview, cumulative confrontation and closing the interrogation. These points will be demonstrated with video examples and practical interactive case studies. We will examine two types of offenders, the emotional offender and the psychopathic offender, and the techniques you need to maximize chances of obtaining a confession.

15) Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases

Understand, recognize, and investigate cases involving missing and abducted children. Determine scope and scale issues and how to manage a missing or abducted child case. Explore crime scene evidence collection and processing, profiling suspects and legal issues, including search warrants and interrogation related to a missing or abducted child.

16) Law Enforcement Investigative Response to Child Sex Trafficking

Examine current, trauma-informed investigative techniques to effectively corroborate the sex trafficking investigation and make the victims' words real. Hear from a survivor to better understand the victim and overcome system perceptions. Acquire effective victim interview techniques to identify victimization, possible evidence, and to develop cumulative corroboration strategies for the CST investigation. Learn how to overcome the challenges with trafficking suspect interviews. Receive information on tactical implementation to conduct CST recovery/demand reduction operations. Explore the important roles of non-profits, probation, and parole in the investigative response.



17) Missing Child Investigations in Indian Country

Learn how to effectively perform missing child investigations occurring on tribal lands. Examine the AMBER Alert program, best practices for planning and executing the initial response when a child goes missing, effective investigative case management strategies, timely introduction of resources in missing child investigations, best practices in search and canvass operations, and how to incorporate culturally appropriate victim support services into your investigation. Explore resources and tools currently available to assist law enforcement officers in missing child investigations.

18) Missing Child Investigations in Indian Country - Instructor Training

Learn how to effectively perform missing child investigations occurring on tribal lands. During the training, you will learn about the AMBER Alert program, best practices for planning and executing the initial response when a child goes missing, effective investigative case management strategies, timely introduction of resources in missing child investigations, best practices in search and canvass operations, and how to incorporate culturally appropriate victim support services into your investigation. Explore resources and tools currently available to assist law enforcement officers in missing child investigations. Leverage new strategies for training excellence when instructing those who conduct missing and abducted child investigations.

19) Prosecutor Strategies for Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Cases

Gain the tools and skills necessary to successfully prosecute cases involving child sex trafficking and exploitation. Examine topics including charging strategies, courtroom tactics, corroborating victims, developing witness testimony, plea bargains, and motion hearings. Learn how to effectively develop a trial strategy and discuss various pre-trial and trial issues including identifying and working with witnesses and experts, preserving testimony, and responding to unexpected issues during trial.

20) Responding to Missing and Abducted College Students

Develop a campus safety program for the abduction and/or exploitation of college and university students. Learn about legal requirements re-

lated to reporting and responding to reports of missing or abducted students. You will learn how to develop a campus safety program and about applicable federal laws regarding confidentiality, and reporting requirements. Examine initial response and investigative strategies that are essential in the recovery of the abducted student. Explore the increasing challenge of students who are exploited and lured into unsafe situations via the use of the internet.

21) Response to At-Risk Missing and High-Risk Endangered Missing Children

Gather information on how to engage and construct a collaborative response to at-risk missing and high-risk endangered missing children. Explore how a missing child's path to becoming a victim of exploitation intersects with the child protection, law enforcement and juvenile justice systems and acts as a risk factor to abductions. Identify opportunities within those systems for prevention and engagement. Examine the complex, layered exploitation these victims endure and how exploiters capitalize on this victimization.

22) SBI Cross Border Child Abduction Training

Learn current trends and collaborate with participants representing child protection and public safety officials from border communities, state, federal, and tribal public safety in Mexico and the USA. Address issues in your community related to cross border abductions, child exploitation, and human trafficking.

23) Telecommunications Best Practices for Missing and Abducted Children

Gather the tools and resources you need to promote swift and decisive responses to reports of missing, abducted and sexually exploited children. Learn how public safety telecommunications centers can develop, train, and prepare for immediate and comprehensive response during the critical, early stages of an incident.

SELF-PACED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

24) Building AMBER Alert in Indian Country

Designed to provide child protection personnel working with Native American and Alaskan Native communities with an understanding of historical and ongoing efforts to establish AMBER Alert systems in Indian Country and to offer careful consideration of the key components needed to implement a successful child abduction recovery strategy in communities.

25) CART Commander Online Training (CART-COMM)

This course covers important considerations regarding: Protocol development and management; development and use of Memoranda of Understanding; CART composition; training, including the development and use of tabletop exercises and field scenarios; CART certification standards; and a case study which integrates all topics covered in consideration of effective CART leadership.

26) Checklist Training for Investigative Officers

Gain an overview of the Investigative Officer Checklist resource, which can be found in the Resources tab on this webpage. The course will guide you through a case-scenario review of important checklist elements and considerations for effective use. You will be provided with information to support accurate and effective response to reports of endangered missing or abducted children, and effective transition from patrol first response to ongoing investigation of the case.

27) Child Abduction Response Team Training for New Members (CART)

Understand the roles, functions and critical capacities provided by CARTs in missing and abducted child cases. Examine key components and action items for operational readiness of the CART in order to provide rapid, effective, and comprehensive response. Gain perspective on the impact of CART programs and how to prepare new members for his/her role and responsibilities on the team.

28) Investigative Checklist Training for Patrol First Responders

Gain an overview of the Patrol First Response investigative checklist resource. This training provides a guided case-scenario review of important checklist elements and considerations for effective use. Patrol officers can use this information to support accurate and effective response to reports of endangered missing or abducted children, and assist with steps essential to communicate information to arriving investigators.

29) Investigative Checklist Training for Supervisory Officers

The course will guide you through a case-scenario review of important checklist elements and considerations for effective use. You will be provided with information to support accurate and effective supervisory response to reports of endangered missing or abducted children, and effective coordination of case roles and responsibilities across patrol, investigations and outside resources.

30) Investigative Strategies for Child Abduction Cases Online – (ISCAC)

Represents an online version of the onsite ISCAC classroom training and 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.

31) Law Enforcement and Community Response to CST and Exploitation in Indian Country

Join other child protection personnel working in or with Native American and Alaskan Native communities to gain an understanding of both historical and ongoing problems of child sex trafficking and exploitation (CST) in Indian Country. Explore important strategies to build awareness of the problem, and support tribal communities in identifying and reporting suspected or known trafficking and exploitation. Examine considerations for law enforcement working with the community on awareness and identification efforts. Prepare for effective response to safely recover victims, interdict these crimes, and prosecute offenders.

32) Patrol First Response for Missing and Abducted Children (PATMAC)

Provides law enforcement patrol officers with information and resources to promote swift and effective initial field response to incidents of endangered missing and abducted children. Learn about the scope, scale and nature of the problem. Examine best practices for initial on-scene response, important considerations for transitioning the investigation, and resources for law enforcement.

33) Responding to Recovered High Risk and Endangered Missing Cases – An Introduction for Law Enforcement Officers

Gather important information to identify poly-exploitation which may have occurred while the child was missing, and the interview process. Learn about the scope, scale, and nature of problem, and how patrol and investigative officers can effectively respond.

34) Telecommunications Best Practices for Missing and Abducted Children (TELMAC)

Provides law enforcement telecommunications personnel with information and resources to promote swift and effective response to incidents of endangered missing and abducted children. Learn about the scope, scale and nature of the problem, best practice policy, and protocols for telecommunications response. Review important NCIC record entry and data management considerations and resources for the communications center



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