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### **Arkansas Child Abduction Response Teams to Test Skills in Child Abduction Table Top Exercise**

**Monday, August 27, 2018**—When a child is believed to be endangered or abducted, the rapid response of a Child Abduction Response Team (CART) can ensure an effective and efficient community-wide response. This week, CARTs in Arkansas will be at the Criminal Justice Institute to participate in a *Child Abduction Table Top Exercise* that will allow them to analyze and refine the skills and competencies they need to safely recover missing children and become one step closer to Department of Justice certification.

CART members will take part in a multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional table top exercise built around a realistic abduction scenario. They will work through initial deployment response, investigation, recovery and reunification procedures utilizing appropriate local resources. CART members include representatives from the Arkansas State Police, local and county law enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, probation and parole, victim advocates, social service agencies, emergency management personnel, school personnel, and other key agencies. The exercise will be conducted by the National Criminal Justice Training Center at Fox Valley Technical College.

Since 2015, the Criminal Justice Institute and the Arkansas State Police have worked closely together to coordinate and facilitate the development of CARTs statewide and ensure all of Arkansas's children are protected if abducted or missing. To date, twelve CARTs, organized by Arkansas State Police troops, have been formed across Arkansas. Once all twelve CARTs complete their certification requirements, Arkansas will be the first in the nation to have statewide certified teams.

**WHEN:** August 28-29, 2018  
Training will take place each day from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**WHERE:** Criminal Justice Institute  
26 Corporate Hill Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72205