

**NORTHEAST TARRANT & DENTON COUNTY CHILD ABDUCTION RESPONSE TEAM  
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Haltom City, Texas – The Northeast Tarrant and Denton County Child Abduction Team (CART) was nothing more than an idea brought to area law enforcement agencies in the fall of 2006, with the primary focus of implementing a highly trained and organized response team to aggressively locate children in the event they become abducted or missing. In early 2007, the team was formally organized through a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with twelve local agencies.

Patterned after stringent guidelines established by the National Child Abduction and Response Team, the Team continued to evolve over a two year period by selecting members, undergoing hundreds of hours of specialized training (to include a desk-top exercise), and responded to several actual missing children alerts.

Once the team felt they were fully prepared, they began seeking national certification and on September 30, 2009, underwent a two-day review by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Service, administered in cooperation of Fox Valley Technical College. During this review, the Team's policies, procedures, and personnel were evaluated. In addition, the Team underwent a full-scale mock child abduction exercise to determine if national standards were met as established in the-certification guidelines.

On Tuesday, December 15, 2009, the Team was presented their official national certification. The team received notice that they had met the requirements in October, while attending the National AMBER ALERT Symposium, in Tampa Florida.

The Northeast Tarrant and Denton County Child Abduction Response Team is now one of only six teams in the nation to receive this certification, and the FIRST team in Texas.

The Team was founded and formulated with the help of Chief Tommy Ingram of the Colleyville Police Department and Chief Keith Lane of the Haltom City Police Department (formally of the Keller Police Department). Chief Lane was the team's first Operational Commander, while employed as a Lieutenant with the Keller Police Department. Lt. Kirk Roberts of the Bedford Police Department currently serves as the Team's Operational Commander.

The team is currently made of members from Bedford, Colleyville, Euless, Grapevine, Haltom City, Hurst, Keller, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Roanoke, Southlake, and Watauga, with additional support from the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, the FBI, and the US Marshal's Office.

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