

## Behind the Badge

## E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

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Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's March e-newsletter – where we honor our supporters and share news about our Foundation programs.

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## Redesign of Ohio Child Abduction Response Team (CART)

The Mission of Ohio CART remains to provide a collaborative law enforcement response with community resource support <u>to assist the local jurisdiction with the search and rescue of the missing child or mentally ill elderly adult.</u>

Based on national best practices learned since CART began in 2004, Ohio CART is undergoing redesign from a local team concept to a key component statewide response. The hallmark of the new design is the identification of trained personnel and non-personnel resources across the state that can be called upon to respond to assist in the rescue of a missing child or mentally ill elderly adult. The Law Enforcement Foundation recently received a grant from the Ohio Attorney General State Victims Assistance Act for the CART program.

CART Advisory Planning Committee has been holding monthly meetings. A key new development is the outreach to non-law enforcement community agencies and organizations to assist in the CART effort. The community organizations include: local volunteer search and rescue groups, K-9 search and rescue organizations, broadcast media, hospitals, victim's advocates, and representatives from prosecutors' offices. Ohio CART is also currently working with the U.S. Department of Justice Amber Alert program to bring CART and missing children advanced training to Columbus in August.



CART Training attendees participate in a mock search for a missing person.

CART is one of the programs that is exclusive to the Law Enforcement Foundation. If you are interested in sponsoring the CART program, please contact Donna Braxton at donna.braxton@oacp.org or 614-761-4630.

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