

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
GENERAL ORDER**

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CHILD ABDUCTION PROTOCOL

POLICY

It is the policy of the Marin County Sheriff's Office to investigate all reports of child abduction in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's child abduction protocol and to ensure full use of all available resources.

PROCEDURE

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has published an investigative guide titled: *Child Abduction Response Plan (2008)*. It is a current composite of the most recent investigative approaches and techniques available for these most difficult cases. A packet labeled "Susp 1065J/Poss Abduction Resp Kit" has been assembled and assigned to each Sub-Station and Patrol Sergeants' vehicle. The kit contains the FBI investigative guide, the Guide's pocket size check list, the MCSO First Responder Check List for Missing Children, victim background questionnaire forms, neighborhood roadblock forms, neighborhood canvas forms and free narrative forms. Patrol Sergeants should refer to this kit whenever a child stranger-abduction is suspected. The first hours after a disappearance or abduction are critical hours and law enforcement's actions during those hours sets the foundation for the life of the case.

The Child Abduction Response Plan should be readily available for reference by sergeants in all patrol districts. It is suggested that sergeants become familiar with the plan and it's contents before it is needed.

RELATED STANDARDS:

U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Child Abduction Response Plan (2008).

AFFECTED DIVISIONS:

Patrol
Communications
Investigations

DATE OF REVISIONS

10/5/99
10/26/01

By Order Of:

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