

# East Central Illinois Mobile Law Enforcement Training Team

## MTU #13

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## Course Announcement



### Investigating Child Abductions

**October 20-21st, 2021**

**0830 to 1630 Hrs**

**MTU 13 Police Training Center**

**3121 Dewitt Avenue**

**Mattoon, IL.**

Submit enrollment to:

Registration form at

[www.mtu13.com](http://www.mtu13.com),

[ecimlett@gmail.com](mailto:ecimlett@gmail.com)

Or call 217-345-3344

Annually law enforcement receives about 100,000 reports of attempted stranger child abductions. On average, every year, 58,000 children are abducted by non-family members and sadly, over 100 of these children are murdered.

***Did you Know?*** In child abduction murder cases:

60% of the time there is a delay of two hours or more before the police are notified.

58% of the time the child is reported to the police as Missing or Runaway.

74% of the time, the child was murdered within three (3) hours of the abduction.

43% of the time, the child has been murdered before law enforcement is notified.

74% of the time, the name of the killer appears in the police case report within the first seven (7) days of the investigation.

The in-depth two (2) day class will cover the initial response, preliminary investigation, and the extended investigation of abducted children. The class is appropriate for all police officers.

**Observed Mandates Include:**

**Human Rights**

**Lead Homicide Investigations**



This seminar will be presented in a step-by-step format on how to investigate child abductions and critically missing children. Those attending will be provided with a comprehensive handbook detailing the investigation procedures.

Additionally, officers will be given complete information and forms for the **Illinois Amber Alert** and copies of Illinois statutes regarding child abduction. Officers attending will also be provided with additional related handout materials and an informational CD with over 150 resource documents and reports.

Topics covered will include:

Initial Response

The Preliminary Investigation

The Extended Investigation

*The Illinois Amber Alert*

Child Abduction Response Teams

Interacting with and Using the Media

Illinois Statutes

Federal Statutes

Offender Profiles

Neighborhood Canvas

Vehicle Canvas

Business Canvas

Sex Offender Canvas

Use of Trailing and Tracking Dogs

Interviewing of Parents and Witnesses

Initial Searches

Available Resources

Managing Tips and Leads

Major Case Management

Interacting with Search and Rescue  
Teams

NCMEC - Resources

NCMEC - Project Alert – Team Adam

Parallel Investigations of parents

Parents who murder their own children

## ***Instructor***

Bruce Walstad was with the Franklin Park Police Department from 1975 to 2001. For the last 16 years he was an Investigator and Juvenile Officer.

Since 1985 Bruce has been presenting training seminars to law enforcement throughout the country. Bruce has instructed for such agencies and law enforcement training providers as: ***The Illinois State Police, Louisiana State University, Denver Police Department, The Illinois Attorney General's Office, IPTM, St. Louis Police Department, The National Sheriff's Association, Mobile Police Department, St. Paul Police Department, FBI, New Hampshire Police Training and Standards Council, Lincoln Police Department, Connecticut State Police, Montgomery Police Department and the Chicago Police Department.***

He has appeared on many local and national TV shows including: ***48 Hours, Oprah, Justice Files, Inside Edition, FOX News, NBC News, Geraldo, The Today Show, Court TV, Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel, Dateline and CBS News.***

Since retiring, Bruce volunteers for the NCMEC's (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children), Project A.L.E.R.T. program. In 2011, he became a Team Adam Consultant for NCMEC. Also, in 2011, he became a member of NCMEC's Biometric Team.

Bruce is also the founder of the Alabama Bloodhound Search Team, Inc. which assists law enforcement with missing persons in Alabama and Florida. He often works with various search and rescue groups throughout the country. Bruce is also a certified Bloodhound handler and currently works with his K-9, Liberty.

Additionally, Bruce acts as a consultant to law enforcement in cases of missing children and adults.

