



**CHILD ABDUCTION
GENERAL ORDER #22.01**

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POLICY

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office will comply with the provisions of the Santa Clara County Child Abduction Protocol.

PROCEDURE

A. IMMEDIATE INTERAGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR CHILD KIDNAPPINGS

1. Each Santa Clara County law enforcement agency will provide officers for immediate use at the scene of the kidnapping upon request of the originating agency. This immediate assistance can last up to 72 hours.

B. LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE TO FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATIVE LEADS FOR CHILD KIDNAPPINGS

1. Each Santa Clara County law enforcement agency will provide officers for long-term investigation at the originating agency's request. This long-term commitment could last as long as two or three months.
2. Officers selected for the long-term investigative process in reference to these child kidnapping incidents should be officers who have proven investigative skills.

C. REQUEST FOR INTERAGENCY ASSISTANCE.

1. This policy may be implemented under the following circumstances.

- a. Child kidnappings where the facts indicate that the child has been abducted and is in great bodily danger. (This generally would not include parent custody disputes involving kidnapping.)
 - b. Child kidnappings that fit murder/abduction profiles.
 - c. Extraordinary criminal violations that create extreme hazard to the community or police personnel and require large numbers of officers for initial or follow-up investigations (i.e. police officer shootings, serial killers).
2. Special conditions for interagency child abduction protection protocol.
- a. The requesting agency is in charge of all personnel at the scene of the investigation, including those responding from other agencies.
 - b. Requests for assistance will be made by the watch commanders after approval of the Chief of Police/Sheriff of the requesting agency. All requests for assistance will be made by teletype and confirmed by telephone. Personnel should respond as soon as possible after the request for assistance has been made. All communications should indicate the anticipated time of arrival of personnel.
 - c. While each request for assistance dictates its own special procedures, it can be anticipated that persons responding under this procedure will work a maximum of 12 hour shifts, and will be relieved by the agency providing the personnel. The agency providing the personnel will be responsible for ensuring that their personnel are properly relieved.
 - d. Agencies providing personnel as first-in responders at the beginning of the investigation should provide supervision, if at all possible.
 - e. The requesting agency will provide appropriate information on where responding personnel will report and to whom they will report.
 - f. This policy agreement is intended to provide interagency assistance for child abduction cases, and is not considered mutual aid. Agencies supplying personnel for these incidents incur full costs for their personnel.
 - g. It is understood that each agencies first responsibility is to insure service within its own jurisdiction. Therefore, should an agency experience manpower shortages within its own jurisdiction, their personnel commitments to this protocol may remain unfilled or modified until agency staffing is adequate.

- h.** Agencies providing personnel will be responsible for providing vehicles for their personnel.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laurie Smith".

**LAURIE SMITH
SHERIFF**