

Missing Person Policy and Procedure

Policy Statement and Overview

The Massasoit Community College Police Department complies with Public Law 108-21, Title II, Section 204, in which is also known as “Suzanne’s Law.” This law states that there shall be no waiting period before a law enforcement agency initiates an investigation of a missing person under the age of 21 and enters the missing person’s information into the National Crime Information Center computer network (NCIC) of the U.S. Department of Justice. Previously, police were only mandated to enter missing persons under the age of 18 into NCIC.

Procedures

The Massasoit Community College Police Department will enter missing persons who are under 21 into NCIC. The Massasoit Community College Police Department will then immediately initiate its investigation to find the reported missing person(s); this includes, but is not limited to; talking with friends, calling significant others, checking their classes, etc. The Massasoit Community College Police Department will allocate all available resources to located the missing person and/or verify his/her safety.