

626.8454 MANUAL AND POLICY FOR INVESTIGATING CASES INVOLVING CHILDREN WHO ARE MISSING AND ENDANGERED.

Subdivision 1. **Manual.** By July 1, 1994, the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall transmit to law enforcement agencies a training and procedures manual on child abduction investigations.

Subd. 2. **Model investigation policy.** By June 1, 1995, the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board shall develop a model investigation policy for cases involving children who are missing and endangered as defined in section 299C.52. The model policy shall describe the procedures for the handling of cases involving children who are missing and endangered. In developing the policy, the board shall consult with representatives of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Police Chiefs Association, Minnesota Sheriff's Association, Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, Minnesota Association of Women Police, Minnesota County Attorneys Association, a nonprofit foundation formed to combat child abuse, and two representatives of victims advocacy groups selected by the commissioner of corrections. The manual on child abduction investigation shall serve as a basis for defining the specific actions to be taken during the early investigation.

Subd. 3. **Local policy.** By August 1, 1995, each chief of police and sheriff shall establish and implement a written policy governing the investigation of cases involving children who are missing and endangered as defined in section 299C.52. The policy shall be based on the model policy developed under subdivision 2. The policy shall include specific actions to be taken during the initial two-hour period.

History: 1994 c 636 art 4 s 32