

TO: A Message to the Connecticut Law Enforcement Community

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SUBJECT: **A Policy of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Guidelines for Handling Missing Persons Investigations and
the Acceptance of Reports**

The Police Officer Standards and Training Council has responded to State of Connecticut Public Act 07-151 by developing and publishing a "policy concerning the acceptance of missing person reports by law enforcement agencies in this state and such agencies' responses thereto."

In undertaking to comply with that legislation, the Council's staff consulted with, and gratefully offer our thanks to, the individuals, organizations and agencies listed below, who were instrumental in creating this document.

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