**When Our Relative Goes Missing**

**from a Michigan Tribal Community**

Bay Mills Indian Community (BMIC)

Tribal Law Enforcement

* BMIC Tribal Law Enforcement Point of Contact for Reporting Missing and Murdered Relatives:
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* Policy of BMIC Tribal Law Enforcement for Missing Person Reports:
  + Officers will conduct proper investigations, prepare necessary reports, and request appropriate state and NCIC computer entries. All entries for missing persons shall meet the FBI, CJIS AND NCIC missing person criteria.
  + Officers will notify local FBI agent as soon as a missing-person case is reported/confirmed.
  + Dispatchers will expedite entering missing person information into the appropriate database and ensure that the entry contains accurate and complete information.
  + More information can be found within the **Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Response** **Plan located** [**here.**](https://3376acbd-13c4-425a-946e-a9e64d441c53.filesusr.com/ugd/869f65_58c82ba31d694ecba85d3b8c9910c651.pdf)
* Databases that BMIC Tribal Law Enforcement Can Utilize:
  + National Crime Information Center (NCIC)
  + Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) – Michigan Specific
* BMIC Tribal Law Enforcement Resources
  + Access to Surveillance at Locations within Tribal Jurisdiction
    - Casino
    - Tribal Court
    - Gas Station
* BMIC Tribal Law Enforcement Contacts - Outside BMIC Jurisdiction:
  + BMIC Tribal LE works collaboratively with other local law enforcement agencies, including:
    - Chippewa County Sheriff’s Department 906-635-6355
    - Michigan State Police Post No. 82. 906-632-2217
    - City of Sault Ste Marie Police Department 906-632-5744
    - U.S. Border Patrol 906-632-3383
    - Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Law Enforcement 906-635-6065

Tribal Victim Services

* BMIC Tribal Victim Services Point of Contact for MMIR:
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* BMIC Tribal Victim Services Policy for MMIR:
  + When a person(s) is reported missing within the exterior boundaries of Bay Mills Indian Community and an investigation is started; the Bay Mills Police Department informs the Victim Services Coordinator (VSC) or their designee; the Coordinator or their designee will initiate the Victim Services Response Team (VSRT).
  + The VSRT will work to ensure that all victim family interaction occurs in a victim centered manner by assessing the needs and concerns of the families and delivering services in a compassionate and non-judgmental manner.
  + The VSRT will assist investigators in their interactions with families so that victims can be provided information, heard, and made to feel safe. • The VSRT will seek to reduce the system impacts that can cause trauma to families while supporting the needs of victim families. This will be accomplished by listening, providing support, managing expectations, planning, and sharing information with families with honesty and respect.
  + The VSRT will work to ensure that all victim family contact occurs in a culturally appropriate way incorporating the background, belief system, family structure, history, language, and customs of the family.
* What resources are available within Tribal Victim Services?
  + Transportation
  + Engagement Activities (for at home & CML (central meet location), ex. crafts, coloring, painting, sharing stories)
  + This POC (point of contact) would help with coordinating activities at the CML or activities for children to keep occupied at their temp stay locations.
  + Crisis Counseling
  + Case Updates
  + Coordination with Community Response Team and outside agencies
  + Emergency Housing Assistance
* Social Media Account for Tribal Victim Services
* <https://www.facebook.com/journeytohealingprogram>
* Other Resources Available for MMIR Cases:
* The Community Response Team (CRT) is comprised of community members and staff such as a Law Enforcement Liaison, Volunteer Coordinator Liaison, Meal and Shelter Liaison, Community Resources Liaison and Behavioral Health Services Liaison. Each member of the CRT has been trained in providing or planning specific services to meet the needs of law enforcement, victim services and the community.
* The Media and Public Communications Team (MPCT) will utilize public awareness tactics such as Public Service Announcements (PSA), social media, public outreach & training to bring awareness of the issue. Law enforcement will coordinate with the Media and Public Communications Team to share information and create trust within the community, subject to applicable court rules, orders, and law-enforcement agency policies.