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**MENTAL HEALTH / POINT OF CONTACT THROUGH JAIL RELEASE TASK FORCE**

*PRELIMINARY* RECOMMENDATION PRESENTED TO THE  
COLORADO COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE

December 9, 2016

**FY17-MH #03. Include Mental Health First Aid® Curriculum in POST: In-service Training**

**Recommendation FY17 –MH #03**

Officials from the Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) will work with staff from the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC) to review and include Mental Health First Aid® training through POST for the purpose of training up to 200 officers per month on this topic with training beginning in the spring of 2017.

**Discussion**

Working with members of the Mental Health/Jail Task Force, POST has tentatively committed to providing approximately \$40,000 to fund classes in ten law enforcement training regions. Training will apply toward continuing education requirements for certified officers. If possible, training will apply toward requirements that mandate officers to take classes in de-escalation techniques. POST will find host agencies and pay for the attendance of certified officers. The program will be marketed to the state sheriffs' and chiefs' associations.