



Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

FY2017 RECOMMENDATION/FY17-MH03 Include Mental Health First Aid® Curriculum for Peace Officer In-service Training through POST

Status: Implementation Unknown

Actions/Updates

2023 UPDATE (JUNE)

During the FY 2023 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2023-158 to reauthorize the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) was postponed indefinitely on May 7, 2023. Therefore, with the sunset of the Commission, all activities of the CCJJ ceased on June 30, 2023.

No further monitoring of CCJJ recommendations will occur.

2019-2022 UPDATE

Status unknown.

2018 UPDATE

Status unknown.

2017 INITIAL UPDATE

This recommendation includes recommended actions by officials of the Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training Board and the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council.

Description

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.

Agencies Responsible

Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council

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.