



# CCM 2013 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

### **HB 6009      *"An Act Concerning Local Training of Municipal Police Officers"***

The bill would require the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) to create an electronic computer training program that can be used by municipal police officers to complete training requirements mandated by POST.

CCM supports the concept of the proposal, but does have questions regarding the source of funding to develop the platform. Additionally, the creation of such a program should not eliminate traditional classroom programs for those communities that lack the infrastructure to provide the interactive training.

HB 6009 may assist local departments reduce overtime and travel costs associated with sending officers to complete mandated training at remote facilities, but without adequate State funding to develop this program, it will not meet the objective of lowering training costs.

CCM looks forward to working with the Committee to ensure this proposal meets its intended objective.



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