



# Connecticut Alliance of City Police

Senate Bill 134  
Public Hearing: 2/25/15

TO: MEMBERS OF THE LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE  
FROM: CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF CITY POLICE (CACP)  
DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2016

***SB 134 --AN ACT CONCERNING SEVERE MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL  
IMPAIRMENT AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE.***

The Connecticut Association of City Police (CACP) is an organization whose members are 900 men and women who serve as sworn police officers in various cities across Connecticut.

We are respectfully requesting your committee to Support Senate Bill 134. We believe that this bill appropriately provides workers compensation coverage for police officers in a very narrow and fair circumstance →

when a police officer suffers a mental or emotional impairment diagnosed by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist, that results from the police officer witnessing the death of a person caused by another person, or the aftermath of such death (other than in a car accident).

Extreme violence is the type of event that no human being would want to suffer or witness in his or her lifetime. It is very clear that extreme violence and trauma can cause life-long impairments and distress to the victims and the witnesses of such violence. Many of our Connecticut communities are safer and there is less violent crime; but many of our citizens are still the unfortunate victims of horrific acts of violence, and many of our dedicated police officers, firefighters, EMTs and other first responders are witnesses to these violent acts and the immediate aftermath.

Thank you for supporting Connecticut's law enforcement professionals; and thank you for supporting Senate Bill 134.