

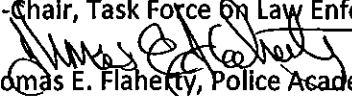


STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

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To: Representative Mae Flexer, 44th District
Co-Chair, Task Force on Law Enforcement Response to Family Violence

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Co-Chair, Task Force on Law Enforcement Response to Family Violence

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Subjects: Comments Regarding the Task Force Report and Recommendations

I offer the following comments on behalf of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. Under "Model Policy Statutory Recommendations, I agree that the foundation of the Model Policy should be based on the 2006 Police Officer Standards and Training Council Policy, modified and updated to include current topics and issues. I also agree with the suggestion that all law enforcement agencies should comply with the requirements of Connecticut's Model Law Enforcement Policy as a minimum standard but should be free to enhance and expand upon the policy as they determine a need.

POSTC in co-operation with the Chief State's Attorney's Office has issued a Model protocol on June 22, 2010, pursuant to Public Act No. 09-7 for Treating Victims of Family Violence Whose Immigration Status Is Questionable and distributed that protocol to every Law Enforcement Agency in State. This protocol defines processes to assist victims of family violence in the procedure to secure T Visas and U Visas and could very well be reviewed to address any additional concerns for victims and witnesses whose immigration status may be questionable. The Police Officer Standards and Training Council is certainly willing to work with the Training Staff of the Connecticut State Police Department to develop a standardized "Train the Trainer" curriculum for Basic and In-Service Training of Law Enforcement Officers.

Annual in-service trainings occur, co-sponsored by the Chief State's Attorney's Office pursuant to statute and are provided to all Law Enforcement Agency Leaders and Command Personnel which include an update of statutory law as well as case law from the various courts that impact Connecticut law

enforcement practices. Any model policy modifications could easily be included in these annual trainings.

Finally, once the Model Policy is updated and finalized, I propose that we distribute it not only to every law enforcement agency in the state but to every Satellite Recruit Police Academy to become part of their Basic Training curriculum. This would insure that every police recruit throughout the state is taught the same material with the same content and discussion of the same issues as a minimum. POSTC is in a position to monitor these lesson plans and Satellite Academies through the Officer of our Certification Officer who already monitors and audits the functioning of these academies.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment.