

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE SHEET | 2019 SESSION

Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association

ISSUE/LEGISLATION:

CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN MANDATED LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

The MCPA supports continuing the POST Board training reimbursement allocation to local agencies, which began in 2018, into fiscal year 2022-2023 through the Peace Officer Training Fund for mandated training in the areas of recognizing and valuing diversity and cultural differences, conflict management and mediation, crisis intervention and mental illness crises.

PROPOSAL STATUS

MCPA will actively support this proposal as part of its 2019 Legislative Agenda

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BACKGROUND

One of the MCPA's main legislative issues has been increasing the reimbursement for police training. MCPA joined forces with law enforcement partners (Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, Minnesota Sheriffs' Association, and the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training) to triple the reimbursement available to agencies for training. The goal of the training would be to find ways for our state to implement the recommendations put forward by the President's Task Force Report on 21st Century Policing and upholding our mission of bringing the highest quality of police services and leadership. This effort is also a key step in building better community relations.

- Per officer reimbursement increases from about \$320 per year to just under \$1,000 over the next four years (Starting in 2018)
- With the additional training dollars, peace officers will be required to obtain a total of 16

Continuing Education credits (during a 3-year, 48 credit licensing cycle. *This does not add to the overall number of CEs*) in the combined areas of crisis intervention and mental illness crises; conflict management and mediation; and recognizing and valuing diversity and cultural

differences. While chiefs and officers have discretion to complete the 16 credits using any combination of these categories, they must have at least one credit of training for each. (Starting in 2018) (Go to <http://bit.ly/2ruKBNx>, p. 47 for the specific details of this legislation)

It is important that this funding remain available in years to come as personnel continue to renew their peace officer licenses.