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COLORADO POST ANNOUNCES NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

DENVER—[Colorado Attorney General John Suthers](#) today announced that the [Peace Officer Standards and Trainings Board \(POST\)](#) rolled out new curriculum in 2014 designed to better prepare law enforcement for emergencies in schools. The training brings new elements of crime prevention, intervention and enforcement that are unique to basic school resource officer (SRO) training.

“After meeting with stakeholders, POST introduced first-of-its-kind school safety training,” said Suthers. “Law enforcement will be educated on a wide-range of topics including risk assessment and emergency planning, trends in school policing and mitigation of ‘school-to-prison pipeline,’ bullying, suicide and drug-abuse prevention, and active school shooting,” Suthers explained.

POST staff developed the curriculum after meeting with members of the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers (CASRO) and other SRO’s throughout the country. This type of training has never been incorporated into a SRO training course anywhere in the United States until now and is expected to benefit law enforcement in other active-shooter scenarios.

A bill passed in 2013 by the Colorado legislature and signed into law by the governor required POST to develop the SRO training. Each municipal and county law-enforcement agency is to have at least one member of their agency attend the course this year. Emphasis will be on training that provides the fundamentals of being a school resource officer and emphasize school safety. It is coupled with traditional curriculum including counseling, student discipline and substance abuse.

Stakeholders include leaders from Safe2Tell, the “I Love U Guys” Foundation, the CASRO Executive Board, the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance, JeffCo Public Schools and the Arvada Police Department.

In 2014, POST will also offer training to law enforcement on the state's new mandatory reporting of elder abuse law.

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