



To: **Members of the House Judiciary Committee**

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Re: **HB 2712 – Informational Hearing Testimony**

Chair Barker and members of the House Judiciary Committee, for the record, I am Kevin Campbell and I am here today on behalf of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association to provide details regarding our efforts to insure that law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon have best practice policies in place regarding officer-involved domestic violence and to insure that training resources are developed and available to departments on this important topic. When similar legislation was introduced during the 2015 Legislative Session, we made a commitment to work through a meaningful, self-reflective process that evaluates how agencies deal with officer-involved domestic violence and identifies weaknesses in agencies' processes and policies. That commitment resulting in what follows.

Development of an “Officer Involved Domestic Violence Policy Framework”

A policy framework workgroup spent hundreds of hours evaluating a wide range of policies in Oregon and around the nation in order to develop the best-practice policy framework that is posted on OLIS. The workgroup worked from December of 2015 through July of 2016 and the final policy was published in November of 2016. As you know, we have successfully addressed a number of important issues through this policy framework process including eyewitness identification and agency use of body-worn cameras. We prefer policy frameworks over legislation to address issues like this because they can be adjusted as best practice and research evolve and because they recognize the need for agencies to adapt policies based on agency size, available resources, geography, community needs, etc. For instance, a large agency may have the resources necessary to fully implement a policy where small agencies may need to implement the same best practice policy in partnership with other agencies.

Once completed, the policy framework was distributed to all policing agencies in Oregon along with an implementation guide. In addition we provided training on utilizing the policy framework to update local agency policies during a joint conference of police chiefs and sheriffs that was held in January of this year.

Officer-Involved Domestic Violence Training

An Officer-Involved Domestic Violence Training Workgroup was created and tasked with developing a uniform statewide training curriculum for first-line supervisors, middle-managers, and executives. As a part of their work, the workgroup has accomplished the following:

- In April of this year, during the 2017 Oregon Child Abuse Summit, over 90 detectives received officer-involved domestic violence training from Mark Wynn, a recognized national and international expert and advisor on child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault prevention policy and best practice.
- In September of 2017, an annual fall leadership conference for chiefs and sheriffs will include a focus on officer-involved domestic violence with an emphasis on best practice around recruitment, training, investigation and officer wellness.
- By the end of 2017, the workgroup is on target to complete work on a series of training videos for police agencies in Oregon that are being developed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and the Oregon Department of Justice (Erin Greenawald, Attorney General's Domestic Violence Prosecutor).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide details regarding efforts to address the issues raised by HB 2712. Our objective is to demonstrate responsiveness to concerns when they are raised and to avoid the need for legislation where possible. We are hopeful our work meets your expectations in this regard.