

TO: Law Enforcement Officers in New Mexico
FR: Elliott Guttman (DPS – Law Enforcement Academy)
RE: Proposal: Improving Police In-service Training in New Mexico
DA: July, 2013

Dear Law Enforcement Professional:

Many people in law enforcement are frustrated with legislative mandates requiring officers in New Mexico to take the same in-service classes every two years.

Many feel, especially those compelled to take the same classes year after year, that this is a serious misuse of precious training hours. It should be noted mandatory training came about because of good intentions. Legislation, however, is needed to change the status quo.

The attached Proposal would restore responsibility for in-service training for officers and telecommunication operators in New Mexico to the Law Enforcement Academy Board.

If received favorably by the New Mexico Association of Chiefs of Police, the New Mexico Sheriff's Association, and the Law Enforcement Academy Board, the next logical step would be to present legislation to the state legislature.

This Proposal has not been endorsed by anyone. It simply represents a few ideas for your consideration and possible approval.

In the next few weeks, your comments on this, whatever they may be, would be appreciated. If favorable, the Proposal can be presented to the groups mentioned.

Yours respectfully,

Elliott Guttman