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Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance (CRI-TA) Program

The COPS Office Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance (CRI-TA) provides critical and tailored technical assistance resources to state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies on a variety of topics. It features a “by the field, for the field” approach while delivering individualized technical assistance using leading experts in a range of public safety, crime reduction, and community policing topics.

The goal of CRI-TA is to provide technical assistance to state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies that will enhance their organizational, public safety, crime reduction, and community policing effectiveness while maintaining local control and accountability for effective policing in their communities.

Technical assistance encompasses a host of methods, including training, peer-to-peer consultation, analysis, coaching, and strategic planning. Areas of assistance are identified by participating agencies to best suit their local needs and may include the following:

- Modern CompStat methods
- Active shooter response
- Coordination with prosecutors, other public sector stakeholders, and private sector stakeholders
- Crime reduction strategy support for tribal law enforcement
- Effective intelligence and information sharing between federal and local law enforcement to support public safety goals

- Focused deterrence approaches to support broader public safety goals
- Gun violence prevention best practices to reorient from a reactive policing and crime response approach to proactive policing
- Mass casualty response
- Officer safety and wellness
- Police response to mass demonstrations
- Problem solving techniques and strategies targeting crime reduction, and in particular violent, gang, and drug crime
- Shared service models for smaller jurisdictions to support effective crime reduction efforts (including investigations and crime analysis)
- Training for de-escalation strategies, crisis intervention, and citizen engagement to address violent crime
- Youth deterrence and intelligence-gathering techniques designed to prevent gang participation

For more information about the CRI-TA program, or to inquire about obtaining this or other forms of COPS Office technical assistance and resources, please contact the COPS Office by email at TechnicalAssistance@usdoj.gov or by phone at 202-353-4400.