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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 police performance management (e.g., CompStat)
- Crime analysis
- Active shooter response
- Prosecution coordination and partnerships
- Public sector coordination and partnerships
- Private sector coordination and partnerships
- Tribal law enforcement

- Intelligence and information sharing
- Focused deterrence
- Gun violence reduction and prevention
- Problem-solving techniques
- Proactive policing
- Mass casualty response
- Officer safety and wellness
- Mass demonstration response
- Gangs
- Violent crime reduction and prevention
- Drug-related crime
- Shared service models
- Community engagement
- De-escalation
- Crisis intervention
- At-risk youth
- Domestic violence reduction and prevention
- Human trafficking
- School safety

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.