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# California State Sheriffs' Association

*Organization Founded by the Sheriffs in 1894*

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Chief Michael Ertola, ESC Chair  
Board of State and Community Corrections  
2590 Venture Oaks Way  
Sacramento, CA 95833

**Re: CSSA Support of the Board of State and Community Corrections  
(BSCC) Proposed Revisions to STC Training**

Dear Chief Ertola:

On behalf of the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA), which represents the 58 elected Sheriffs of California, I am writing to express our support of the proposed revisions to the entry-level training standards for Adult Corrections Officers (ACOs). We understand the revisions will include an increase of 15 hours to ACO core training and 23 hours to ACO supplemental training.

The last revisions to the training program standards were done in 2001 – changes in policy and technological advances have changed how correctional jobs are performed. It is critical that our officers have the most current and comprehensive training in this area and we appreciate the detailed efforts by the workgroups in reviewing and providing their recommendations.

As this process moves forward, it is also critical to be mindful that an increase in training hours will necessitate consideration of funding resources. Continuing to add training requirements without providing adequate resources to meet those requirements does not serve our officers or the public safety well.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter. The California State Sheriffs' Association looks forward to continuing our good work with BSCC on this and the many other issues of the day.

Sincerely,

Steve Moore, CSSA President  
Sheriff, San Joaquin County

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