



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Public Safety  
**AGENDA DATE:** January 13, 2021  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** N/A  
**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department  
**EXECUTIVE:** Jon Fortune

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize an Interlocal Agreement between University of North Texas at Dallas and the Dallas Police Department through the Caruth Police Institute at the University of North Texas at Dallas to provide strategic planning, technical assistance, training, policy development, and guidance for the implementation of Active Bystandership in Law Enforcement at the Dallas Police Department for the period of February 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 - Not to exceed \$300,000.00 - Financing: General Fund

### **BACKGROUND**

The Georgetown Innovative Policing Program, partnering with global law firm Sheppard Mullin, has created Project ABLE\* (Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement) to prepare officers to successfully intervene to prevent harm and to create a law enforcement culture that supports peer intervention.

Under this agreement, Caruth Police Institute at the University of North Texas at Dallas (CPI-UNTD) will provide ABLE training to the Dallas Police Department. CPI-UNTD will coordinate with Georgetown-Law ABLE-Georgetown to establish a high priority and rapid access training schedule for no fewer than 50 and no more than 75 Train the Trainer student seats. Upon completion of the Train the Trainer program, CPI-UNTD will implement a full department wide training, including Command Staff, City Management, and Cadets, to complete the ABLE course within no fewer than 12 but no greater than 18 months following completion of the last Train the Trainer certification course.

Additionally, CPI-UNTD will develop an ABLE-Dallas advisory committee which will include community members, UNT Dallas faculty, and faith leaders, and law enforcement leadership to contribute advice throughout the ABLE program development; develop model ABLE Guidelines and Operating Procedures for the Dallas Police Department; and identify and engage ABLE ambassadors from the Dallas Police Department and Community Stakeholders.

CPI-UNTD will complete an interim report detailing baseline data which will serve as comparison data for the first-year evaluation which will measure impact or change in the following:

- i. Officers trained by the 180-day benchmark
- ii. Officer attitudes and impressions as measured by the ABLE pre and post training survey tool
- iii. Use of force rates
- iv. Officer grievances
- v. Officer wellness markers (attendance, sick leave, tardiness)
- vi. Community complaints

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

The Public Safety Committee was briefed on Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Training Program on September 14, 2020.

City Council will be briefed by memorandum regarding the matter on January 11, 2021.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
General Fund	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00