



Dear Chief Kasten,

I want to personally congratulate you and the dedicated members of the Hartford Police Department on your achievement in completing the One Mind Campaign Pledge. By training and certifying 100% of your agency's officers in Mental Health First Aid or other equivalent mental health awareness course and at least 20% of your sworn staff in Crisis Intervention Training, you demonstrate your agency's commitment to the safety and well-being of all the members of your community. Your willingness to build community partnerships and implement promising practices to enhance police interactions with persons affected by mental illness speaks to your innovative leadership.

As law enforcement leaders, we know that successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness improves public trust, ensures officer safety, and saves lives.

The significance of your efforts cannot be overstated.

I urge you to continue to train and certify your officers in mental health first aid training and crisis intervention team training and to continue strengthening your agency's relationship with mental health services organizations in your community. I hope you will join me in continuing to promote the One Mind Campaign. Thank you for your dedication to public safety and to enhancing police response to persons affected by mental illness.

Sincerely,

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