



## NEW JERSEY: New Jersey Launches Nation's First State Program to Prevent Police Officer Suicide

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New Jersey is launching a statewide program to prevent police officer suicide. The first of its kind in the U.S., the program aims to address increased suicide risk among law enforcement officers. It will require all officers to complete a two-day training in suicide prevention and will supplement existing employee assistance and counseling programs. "We cannot fully comprehend the emotional and mental stress that our law enforcement officers suffer on a daily basis," said Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal. "We owe it to them to not only combat the [prejudice] associated with seeking help, but also to give them the tools they need to deal with the stress and trauma they endure."

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