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There is a need for more state mandated training for police officers

Current DCJS and BMP standards mandate certain training

After graduation from a police academy it is up to local police departments to conduct in-service training

Many times due to cost this training is conducted infrequently if at all

The NYS legislature has recently passed bills on the use of force that require more training in the use of force and conflict resolution

This training should be universal statewide

Funding from the state must be provided to conduct this training so all NYS law enforcement officers receive this training in a timely manner