

Bill	HB 1056: Police Training – Human Trafficking – Sensitivity and Awareness
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- Law enforcement officers are very often the first responders in a domestic minor sex trafficking situation.
- Providing law enforcement with the awareness, skills and tools necessary to respond appropriately to human trafficking cases is critically important to ensure identification of victims as well as effective investigation of human trafficking offenses.
- Requiring law enforcement to receive human trafficking training ensures that law enforcement have the knowledge and awareness necessary to appropriately respond to human trafficking offenses.

Legislative Solution

Mandate human trafficking training for law enforcement officers.

How This Bill Addresses the Issue

- HB 1056 strengthens Maryland’s ability to combat human trafficking by specifically mandating that law enforcement officers receive training on human trafficking, including the criminal laws relating to human trafficking and awareness training to help law enforcement recognize victims of human trafficking.
- Human trafficking training must be included in entrance–level police training and at least every 3 years for in–service level police training.

