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**76-5-608 Law enforcement -- Training -- Sexual assault and sexual abuse.**

- (1) The department and the Utah Prosecution Council shall develop training in trauma-informed responses and investigations of sexual assault and sexual abuse, which include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (a) recognizing the symptoms of trauma;
  - (b) understanding the impact of trauma on a victim;
  - (c) responding to the needs and concerns of a victim of sexual assault or sexual abuse;
  - (d) delivering services to victims of sexual assault or sexual abuse in a compassionate, sensitive, and nonjudgmental manner;
  - (e) understanding cultural perceptions and common myths of sexual assault and sexual abuse; and
  - (f) techniques of writing reports in accordance with Subsection (5).
- (2)
  - (a) The department and the Utah Prosecution Council shall offer the training in Subsection (1) to all certified law enforcement officers in the state of Utah by July 1, 2018.
  - (b) The training for all law enforcement officers may be offered through an online course, developed by the department and the Utah Prosecution Council.
- (3) The training listed in Subsection (1) shall be offered by the Peace Officer Standards and Training division to all persons seeking certification as a peace officer, beginning July 1, 2018.
- (4)
  - (a) The department and the Utah Prosecution Council shall develop and offer an advanced training course by July 1, 2018, for officers who investigate cases of sexual assault or sexual abuse.
  - (b) The advanced training course shall include:
    - (i) all criteria listed in Subsection (1); and
    - (ii) interviewing techniques in accordance with the curriculum standards in Subsection (5).
- (5) The department shall consult with the Utah Prosecution Council to develop the specific training requirements of this section, including evidence-based curriculum standards for report writing and response to sexual assault and sexual abuse, including trauma-informed and victim-centered interview techniques, which have been demonstrated to minimize retraumatizing victims.