October 15, 2021

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Office, I, Sheriff Mendoza, am in full support and committed to participating in the Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) training, available through Georgetown University Law Center. We as law enforcement train to intervene and handle situations in the public, but we lack the training necessary to intervene or react to situations that happen in our own agencies and between peers. ABLE will empower and educate law enforcement on how to successfully intervene during situations where there is a high probability of escalation. This intervention will help prevent misconduct and mistakes. Santa Fe County Deputies face difficult situations on a daily basis during the course of their duties, this added training will prove to reduce harm to both civilians and officers.

This training will be an additional resource in achieving Santa Fe County’s goals in reducing liability, harm and mistakes, while focusing on the health and wellbeing of our deputies.

Sincerely,

Adan Mendoza
Santa Fe County Sheriff