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NEWS RELEASE 3/21/24: The Broomfield Police Department is proud to announce a partnership with the Georgetown University Law Center for Innovations in Community Safety (CICS) to implement the Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Project.

Georgetown Law CICS partnered with global law firm Sheppard Mullin to create the ABLE Project, which is designed to train and prepare officers to successfully intervene to prevent misconduct, avoid police mistakes, and promote officer health and wellness.

ABLE builds upon a training developed by Dr. Ervin Staub, the Founding Director of the UMass Amherst Psychology of Peace and Violence Program, to help police officers stop unnecessary harmful behavior by fellow officers. ABLE teaches officers how to successfully intervene and protects those who do intervene.

The training also authorizes and empowers law enforcement to intervene in another officer's action regardless of his/her rank. The BPD adopted the ABLE Project training at the request of Broomfield Chief of Police Enea Hempelmann.

The first delivery of ABLE training has been provided to Broomfield operations officers, including command staff and chiefs, who received eight hours of ABLE instruction. Department-wide implementation of ABLE training will continue throughout 2024 until all sworn personnel have been trained.

For more information about the ABLE Project, visit the following:  
<https://www.law.georgetown.edu/cics/able/>