

**(5) Peer support counseling session**

The term “peer support counseling session” means any counseling formally provided through a peer support counseling program between a peer support specialist and 1 or more law enforcement officers.

**(6) Peer support participant**

The term “peer support participant” means a law enforcement officer who receives counseling services from a peer support specialist.

**(7) Peer support specialist**

The term “peer support specialist” means a law enforcement officer who—

- (A) has received training in—
  - (i) peer support counseling; and
  - (ii) providing emotional and moral support to law enforcement officers who have been involved in or exposed to an emotionally traumatic experience in the course of employment; and
- (B) is designated by a law enforcement agency to provide the services described in subparagraph (A).

**(b) Prohibition**

Except as provided in subsection (c), a peer support specialist or a peer support participant may not disclose the contents of a peer support communication to an individual who was not a party to the peer support communication.

**(c) Exceptions**

Subsection (b) shall not apply to a peer support communication if—

- (1) the peer support communication contains—
  - (A) an explicit threat of suicide by an individual in which the individual—
    - (i) shares—
      - (I) an intent to die by suicide; and
      - (II) a plan for a suicide attempt or the means by which the individual plans to carry out a suicide attempt; and
    - (ii) does not solely share that the individual is experiencing suicidal thoughts;
  - (B) an explicit threat by an individual of imminent and serious physical bodily harm or death to another individual;
  - (C) information—
    - (i) relating to the abuse or neglect of—
      - (I) a child; or
      - (II) an older or vulnerable individual;
    - or
    - (ii) that is required by law to be reported; or
  - (D) an admission of criminal conduct;
- (2) the disclosure is permitted by each peer support participant who was a party to, as applicable—
  - (A) the peer support communication;
  - (B) the peer support counseling session out of which the peer support communication arose;
  - (C) the peer support counseling session of which the peer support communication is a record; or
  - (D) the communication made in the course of a peer support counseling session that the peer support communication is regarding;

(3) a court of competent jurisdiction issues an order or subpoena requiring the disclosure of the peer support communication; or

(4) the peer support communication contains information that is required by law to be disclosed.

**(d) Rule of construction**

Nothing in subsection (b) shall be construed to prohibit the disclosure of—

- (1) an observation made by a law enforcement officer of a peer support participant outside of a peer support counseling session; or
- (2) knowledge of a law enforcement officer about a peer support participant not gained from a peer support communication.

**(e) Disclosure of rights**

Before the initial peer support counseling session of a peer support participant, a peer support specialist shall inform the peer support participant in writing of the confidentiality requirement under subsection (b) and the exceptions to the requirement under subsection (c).

(Pub. L. 117-60, §2, Nov. 18, 2021, 135 Stat. 1470.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****SHORT TITLE**

For short title of Pub. L. 117-60, which is classified to this chapter, as the “Confidentiality Opportunities for Peer Support Counseling Act” and also as the “COPS Counseling Act”, see section 1 of Pub. L. 117-60, set out as a Short Title of 2021 Amendment note under section 10101 of this title.

**§ 50902. Best practices and support****(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) First responder**

The term “first responder” has the meaning given the term “public safety officer” in section 10284 of this title.

**(2) First responder agency**

The term “first responder agency” means a Federal, State, local, or Tribal agency that employs or otherwise engages the services of a first responder.

**(3) Peer support counseling program**

The term “peer support counseling program” means a program provided by a first responder agency that provides counseling services from a peer support specialist to a first responder of the first responder agency.

**(4) Peer support participant**

The term “peer support participant” means a first responder who receives counseling services from a peer support specialist.

**(5) Peer support specialist**

The term “peer support specialist” means a first responder who—

- (A) has received training in—
  - (i) peer support counseling; and
  - (ii) providing emotional and moral support to first responders who have been involved in or exposed to an emotionally traumatic experience in the course of the duties of those first responders; and

(B) is designated by a first responder agency to provide the services described in subparagraph (A).

**(b) Report on best practices**

Not later than 2 years after November 18, 2021, the Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall develop a report on best practices and professional standards for peer support counseling programs for first responder agencies that includes—

(1) advice on—

(A) establishing and operating peer support counseling programs; and

(B) training and certifying peer support specialists;

(2) a code of ethics for peer support specialists;

(3) recommendations for continuing education for peer support specialists;

(4) advice on disclosing to first responders any confidentiality rights of peer support participants; and

(5) information on—

(A) the different types of peer support counseling programs in use by first responder agencies;

(B) any differences in peer support counseling programs offered across categories of first responders; and

(C) the important role senior first responders play in supporting access to mental health resources.

**(c) Implementation**

The Attorney General shall support and encourage the implementation of peer support counseling programs in first responder agencies by—

(1) making the report developed under subsection (b) publicly available on the website of the Department of Justice; and

(2) providing a list of peer support specialist training programs on the website of the Department of Justice.

(Pub. L. 117–60, §3, Nov. 18, 2021, 135 Stat. 1472.)

**Subtitle VI—Other Crime Control and Law Enforcement Matters**

**Executive Documents**

EX. ORD. NO. 13776. TASK FORCE ON CRIME REDUCTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Ex. Ord. No. 13776, Feb. 9, 2017, 82 F.R. 10699, provided: By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to reduce crime and restore public safety to communities across the Nation, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. *Policy.* It shall be the policy of the executive branch to reduce crime in America. Many communities across the Nation are suffering from high rates of violent crime. A focus on law and order and the safety and security of the American people requires a commitment to enforcing the law and developing policies that comprehensively address illegal immigration, drug trafficking, and violent crime. The Department of Justice shall take the lead on Federal actions to support law enforcement efforts nationwide and to collaborate with State, tribal, and local jurisdictions to restore public safety to all of our communities.

SEC. 2. *Task Force.* (a) In furtherance of the policy described in section 1 of this order, I hereby direct the Attorney General to establish, and to appoint or designate an individual or individuals to chair, a Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety (Task Force). The Attorney General shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide administrative support and funding for the Task Force.

(b) The Attorney General shall determine the characteristics of the Task Force, which shall be composed of individuals appointed or designated by him.

(c) The Task Force shall:

(i) exchange information and ideas among its members that will be useful in developing strategies to reduce crime, including, in particular, illegal immigration, drug trafficking, and violent crime;

(ii) based on that exchange of information and ideas, develop strategies to reduce crime;

(iii) identify deficiencies in existing laws that have made them less effective in reducing crime and propose new legislation that could be enacted to improve public safety and reduce crime;

(iv) evaluate the availability and adequacy of crime-related data and identify measures that could improve data collection in a manner that will aid in the understanding of crime trends and in the reduction of crime; and

(v) conduct any other studies and develop any other recommendations as directed by the Attorney General.

(d) The Task Force shall meet as required by the Attorney General and shall be dissolved once it has accomplished the objectives set forth in subsection (c) of this section, as determined by the Attorney General.

(e) The Task Force shall submit at least one report to the President within 1 year from the date of this order, and a subsequent report at least once per year thereafter while the Task Force remains in existence. The structure of the report is left to the discretion of the Attorney General. In its first report to the President and in any subsequent reports, the Task Force shall summarize its findings and recommendations under subsections (c)(i) through (c)(v) of this section.

SEC. 3. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13933

Ex. Ord. No. 13933, June 26, 2020, 85 F.R. 40081, which related to protecting against damage and vandalism of monuments, memorials, and statues, was revoked by Ex. Ord. No. 14029, §1, May 14, 2021, 86 F.R. 27025.

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Congress finds the following: