

# Colorado District Attorneys' Council

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## VOTE YES ON HB 1120 The Public Servant Safety Bill

Colorado's police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians are the first to run to a situation from which everyone else is running away. These public servants deserve as much protection as possible. HB 1120 helps protect them in the following ways:

1. Currently, if someone throws bodily fluid on an officer in a detention facility it is a class 4 felony with a mandatory prison sentence. Officers in detention facilities deserve this protection, but street police officers, firefighters, or emergency medical technicians (public servants) also deserve protection. HB 1120 would give them protection by making such conduct a class 1 misdemeanor with a mandatory jail sentence.
2. Currently, if someone forces these public servants to come into contact with bodily fluid there is no mechanism for the offender to be tested for communicable diseases. This lack of knowledge is emotionally devastating to these public servants and their families. HB 1120 requires testing of such offenders so the public servants can have peace of mind, or get the medical attention that they need.
3. The statute of Disarming a Peace Officer recognizes the danger of a subject taking an officer's firearm. Modern policing techniques train officers to use electronic control devices (such as stun guns, or tasers). If an offender gets control of this device the officer can be rendered helpless. HB 1120 prohibits the taking of the officer's electronic control device by the offender.

Please join the Colorado District Attorneys' Council in wanting to protect our Public Servants.

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