



# Alamosa Police Department

*Protecting & Serving Our Community Since 1878*

George Dingfelder, Chief of Police

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**Subject:** Endorsement of the SMART Community Policing Act

**From:** The City of Alamosa, Colorado

The City of Alamosa proudly and unequivocally voices its support for the Supporting Mental Assistance Responder Teams (SMART) Community Policing Act. This critical legislation directly aligns with our municipality's core values, operational philosophies, and established law enforcement practices.

In Alamosa, we don't just believe in the theories behind the SMART Community Policing Act—we live them. Our community has firsthand experience with the immense value of collaborative partnerships between law enforcement, mental health professionals, emergency medical technicians, and outreach teams. By actively utilizing co-responder models and crisis intervention strategies, Alamosa already performs much of the vital work outlined in this bill.

Our local efforts have proven that meeting mental and behavioral health crises with resource-based, specialized care yields better outcomes. This approach effectively de-escalates high-stress situations, connects vulnerable or at-risk individuals with long-term stabilization services, and significantly reduces the strain on our emergency infrastructure. Most importantly, it allows our law enforcement officers to dedicate their time and focus to protecting public safety and addressing violent crime.

Because we have witnessed the measurable success of these programs on a local scale, the City of Alamosa strongly advocates for the dedicated federal funding and framework provided by the SMART Community Policing Act. We stand as a testament to the fact that this model works, and we urge its full passage and widespread adoption.

Sincerely,

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