

Stop the Bleed Proposal February 14, 2019

Following a meeting of the Legislative/Policy Committee of the Colorado Stop the Bleed Coalition, the committee recommends a proposal to the Colorado General Assembly be initiated for the 2020 legislative session to obtain legislative support and possible funding for an initial program designed to provide Stop the Bleed Training and Stop the Bleed Kits for high schools throughout the State of Colorado.

Background:

Colorado has 509 public high schools throughout the state (647, including private – Wikipedia); consisting of approximately 275,000 students.

The Colorado Stop the Bleed Coalition (SBC), including the “Colorado Committee on Trauma” (over 75 members) is an organization in Colorado primarily consisting of a number of trauma physicians, nurses and other emergency providers from emergency departments representing a many of Colorado’s hospitals. The SBC, which now includes more than 300 volunteer Stop the Bleed trainers from throughout the state, is dedicated to educate and train individuals in key settings (e.g. schools, businesses, government facilities, etc.) to render immediate, potential life-saving aid to victims of violent acts (human-caused, natural disasters, etc.) prior to the arrival of professional responders.

This training includes instruction/training on utilization and application of “Individual Bleeding Control Kits” that most importantly includes a tourniquet, and other items to control and stop bleeding.

Proposal:

The Colorado Stop the Bleed Coalition proposes to provide training and Stop the Bleed Kits for up to 10 employees, including teachers, school nurses, athletic coaches and administrators in all Colorado high schools. Stop the Bleed Kits would be allocated as follows:

For high schools with enrollments of 1000 – 3000+ - 10 kits

For high schools with enrollments of 500 – 999 - 5 kits

For high schools with enrollments of less than 500 - 3 kits

The training itself would be provided at no expense by volunteer Stop the Bleed Trainers. The cost of the kits would be approximately \$250,000 (at \$40.00 each), for the high schools according to the school enrollment sizes noted above.

The Stop the Bleed Coalition respectfully proposes legislative or, if available, grant supported funding of \$250,000 in FY2020/21 to cover the cost of the kits for this initial outreach to high schools in Colorado.