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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE NFPA ELECTRIC VEHICLE RESPONDER SAFETY TRAINING LAW ENFORCEMENT COURSE**

**WHEREAS**, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Department of Energy (DOE) all recognize that law enforcement officers must interact with a new generation of alternative energy vehicles, including hybrid and electrically powered as part of their daily activities;

**WHEREAS**, it is projected that over 3 million alternative powered vehicles are projected to be on the American roadways by 2015;

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement personnel will respond to emergency incidents involving these vehicles where responding officers must have the knowledge to assess the risks and protective measures for civilian and officer safety;

**WHEREAS**, the NFPA — in cooperation with the DOE and NHTSA, has been a leader in developing safety and awareness training for first responders, including law enforcement officers and has developed a model training course for law enforcement officers;

**WHEREAS**, the NFPA Electric Vehicle Responder Safety Law Enforcement Course was designed to educate officers to the risks involved with electrically powered and hybrid vehicles with officer safety in mind;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the Electric Vehicle Responder Safety Training Law Enforcement Course ("Electric Vehicle Safety Training") for use by state, county, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the safe and effective deployment of law enforcement officers in responding to incidents involving electrically powered and hybrid vehicles.

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