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CALL FOR RESEARCH PARTNER: DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

The National Policing Institute (NPI) and deCervo are researching e-TRAIN, a mobile neuroscience platform to improve officers' de-escalation and decision skills. Using body-worn camera footage, agencies will develop interactive modules for on-demand practice in high-pressure scenarios.

Research Objectives

- Partner with an agency to convert BWC clips into 20 interactive mobile modules
- Increase training accessibility via smartphone delivery
- Measure changes in officer decisions and field professionalism via RCT and community contact surveys

Partner Benefits

- No-cost customized de-escalation training
- Access to cutting-edge training software
- Evidence to inform training mandates and accreditation

Partner Requirements

- Designate project manager
- ≥300 sworn officers with routine BWC use
- Share de-identified BWC video and administrative data
- Systematically distribute customer-service surveys to community members
- Assign a project liaison and support IRB/consent processes

Project Timeline

- Anticipated Start Date: 01/01/2026
- Phase 1 – Partner selection & module development (Months 1-12)
- Phase 2 – RCT training & data collection (Months 13-24)
- Phase 3 – Qualitative evaluation (Months 25-30)
- Phase 4 – Reporting & dissemination (Months 31-36)

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