

IN HARM'S WAY
Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention
Conference
June 13-14, 2011
Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park

Presented by
Florida Regional Community Policing Institute at St. Petersburg College
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Survivors of Law Enforcement Suicide
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There is a brutal truth in law enforcement...that an officer is more likely to be a victim of suicide than a homicide. More officers die from suicide than from line-of-duty deaths, yet little is being done to address this highly preventable loss.

It is time for agencies to recognize the fact that the extreme stressors their officers face on a daily basis eventually take a toll. Every law enforcement officer, trainer, supervisor, and executive needs to know about the signs of suicide and what steps can be taken to prevent it. The stigma of asking for help must be stripped away and the need for open and frank discussion should be encouraged.

Topics covered during this 1 ½ day conference:

- Awareness of law enforcement suicide
- Common myths & facts about suicide
- Building a case for wellness in law enforcement
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) & depression
- Recognition of warning signs of suicidal behavior
- Intervention techniques for officers in crisis
- The Aftermath - survivors & grief
- Policies, protocols, and postvention

This conference is free of charge.

It takes courage to ask for help. Be courageous!

This conference is part of a nationwide effort to inform, educate and provide assistance to law enforcement agencies on the critical issue of law enforcement suicide. This project encompasses three regional conferences, eight train-the-trainers, a speakers bureau and technical assistance.

TO REGISTER FOR THIS CONFERENCE and MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS, GO TO <http://policiesuicide.spcollege.edu> AND SIGN UP ONLINE.

Registration deadline is May 31, 2011. Space is limited, so register early!

The host hotel is the Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park, 950 Lake Carillon Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716. A room rate of \$92.00 per night plus tax is available to conference participants.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Hotel check-in is 3:00 p.m. and check-out is 11:00 a.m.
- The hours of the conference are: June 13, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; June 14, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- A networking continental breakfast will be served both days from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- A working lunch will be served on June 13.
- A certificate will be provided to you upon the completion of the entire conference.
- Attire is business casual.

For more information about the conference, please contact Laura Heisler at 727-341-4437 or heisler.laura@spcollege.edu.



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