

# Law Enforcement

## Suicide Prevention/ Intervention Training



Training Professionals & Communities in  
Suicide Prevention & Response®

Law enforcement officers are often first on the scene when someone is suicidal. They play a key role in identifying and responding to individuals at risk for suicide and connecting them with help. Knowing how to respond to suicide can save lives and reduce liability exposure within a department.

A unique community-based intervention, Connect increases the competence of law enforcement officers and public safety officers to respond to suicide incidents. This training includes National Best Practice protocols, interactive case scenarios, discussion, exercises, PowerPoint, and printed materials.

### Suicide Prevention/Intervention training highlights:

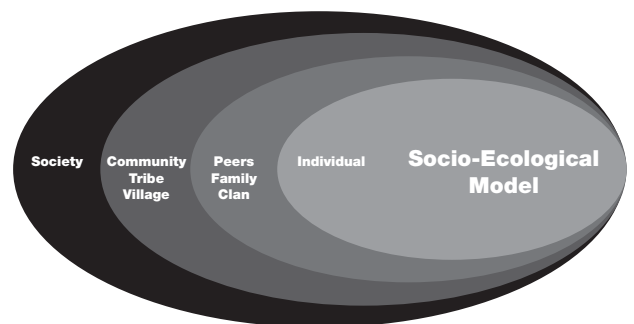
- National Best Practices for law enforcement in prevention and crisis response related to suicidal behavior
- Warning signs for individuals at risk and an understanding of the trauma and stigma surrounding suicide incidents
- Scene assessment and safety management with mentally ill or suicidal individuals, including intervening with someone at risk and suggestions for support/managing family and others at the scene
- Options for disposition: hospitalization vs. outpatient treatment, including recommendations for safe transition and information about legal issues including custody, transport, refusal of services and involuntary hospitalization
- Discussion of individual agency policies and procedures for responding to suicide incidents, including interface with other first responders at the scene, health-care providers, and mental health providers for an integrated community approach
- National Best Practices concerning restricting access to lethal means, safe messaging, communication, confidentiality and responding to media inquiries
- Communicating with parents/guardians/family members or other support persons in crisis situations
- Suicide as a public health issue and its impact on communities, family members and friends
- Strategies to increase suicide prevention efforts through collaboration with community service agencies
- Suicide data and how age, gender, culture and other factors impact suicide risk
- Individual, family and community risk and protective factors and ways to strengthen the positive influences that prevent suicide and other risky behaviors in a community
- The influence of electronic communication and social media on suicide risk
- “Suicide by cop” and the high risk of suicide for law enforcement officers
- Self-care skills

**Length:** 6 hours or tailored for specific audiences

**Audience:** Officers working in local or state law enforcement, schools, probation and parole, and juvenile justice. This training is appropriate for all levels, including administrative staff, dispatch, and chiefs.

**Location:** your community

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*Using a holistic, socio-ecological model, Connect examines suicide in the context of the individual, family, community, and society.*