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**“Responding to the PTSD Subject”**

**Hosted by the Harrison County Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Academy– July 27, 2017**

**Instructors: Dr. Harry (Nick) Spring, PhD**

Dr. Spring specializes in Diagnosis and

 Treatment of PTSD

 James C. Lilley, ICITAP Master Instructor, Military and Police Veteran

Today, more than ever before, law enforcement officers are faced with responding to calls for service where the subject involved is suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Officers need specialized training to learn how to defuse this individual when experiencing a PTSD episode. The typical response, especially when attempting to effect an arrest on the PTSD subject, brings about a myriad of potential safety issues for the law enforcement officer as well as the PTSD subject. Help your officers by affording them the opportunity to attain the proper tools and skills needed to function in modern law enforcement.

Dr. Nick Spring has been applying psychological expertise in clinical, organizational and academic settings for over Thirty five years. His occupational focus includes PTSD recognition and treatment, psychological evaluation, cognitive rehabilitation, psychotherapy, group facilitation and education. He has extensive experience dealing with PTSD patients, and has spent the last five years dealing only with patients experiencing PTSD symptoms. Dr. Spring was Director of The Non-Traditional Program at the University of Mobile, where Dr. Spring served as a professor of psychology and taught courses in Psychology, Counseling, Personality Theories and Marriage/Family Therapy, and has served as a Hospital Administrator in Psychiatric hospitals in California and Florida. Dr. Spring has also has hosted several radio shows in Louisiana, California, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee, relating to mental health.

Dr. Spring has spent the past 34 years treating patients with PTSD issues and symptoms and helping those patients learn to use techniques that helped them heal and desensitize the memory circuits that held the horrific experience that lead the patient to develop PTSD symptoms, and is eager to assist the law enforcement officer understand PTSD, so they can professionally and safely deal with individuals suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is designed to provide the first responder with a basic understanding of Post Traumatic Dress Disorder and the disabling anxiety it causes in individuals who suffer from it. This course will provide the law enforcement officer with not only an understanding of PTSD and the conditions that stem from it, but also describes and explains how to speak with this individual and help calm them in an effort to bring them back to reality, and creating a safe environment for your officer, and the PTSD subject.

Topics Include:

* A Brief History of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
* PTSD Symptomology
* How PTSD Begins
* How Trauma Acts with the Brain
* The Law Enforcement Officer and Defusing the PTSD Subject
* Student Exercises in “Responding to the PTSD Subject”

**INSTRUCTIONAL GOAL:**

The goal of this course is to provide the law enforcement officer with the knowledge, skills and techniques necessary to feel comfortable and confident when tasked with responding to calls for service where the subject is experiencing a PTSD episode.

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**Course Location:**

**Harrison County Sheriff’s Office**

**Law Enforcement Academy**

**1400 Leggett Drive**

**Biloxi, Mississippi 39530**

**Course Date**: **July 27, 2017**

 **0800-1700hrs**

**Course Cost:** $139.00

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