



Training for First Responders

“First Responders understanding our Veterans: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention”

0800-1130 (Morning Session) and 1230-1600 (Afternoon Session)

Location: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

AMTC Campus- Multi Purpose Classroom

10298 Express Drive

Gulfport, MS 39503

Date: August 27 2019 8am-4pm

Learning Objectives:

- 1) This training aims to improve first responders' engagement with Veterans in crisis.
- 2) This training teaches audience about post Deployment issues combat vets may experience upon returning home.
- 3) The training will focus on mental health issues including: Post Traumatic Stress (PTSD) and Suicide Prevention
- 4) Participants will learn practical tips and when responding to a veteran in crisis
- 5) The training will also provide information on resources that are available through the VA and community

Program Outline

Presented by Police officer (also Veteran) and Clinician: Issues facing our Veterans and their behavior.

- A. Introductions adjustment considerations, discussion
- B. PTSD and other clinical issues
- C. De-escalation and practical tips, real life scenarios
- D. Stigma & suicide prevention with veteran population
- E. Help for First Responders under stress
- F. Treatment, VA programs & resources

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- G. Symptoms, Risk Factors and Suicide Statics
- H. Law Enforcement Risk
- I. Suicide by Cop, Psychosocial Factors and Stressors
- J. Law Enforcement Response to Ongoing Suicide Attempts
- K. Non-VA programs and resources; question and answer period

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