



FIRE SERVICE SUICIDE PREVENTION

TRAINING OF TRAINERS



DELIVERED BY St. Petersburg College

TWO SEPARATE CLASSES

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This course is Free of charge

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Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

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There is a growing concern that suicides are affecting the fire service at higher levels than ever before. The Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College has been grant funded to develop and deliver a suicide prevention Training-of-Trainers course. The eight-hour course provides an overview of the suicide issue globally, in the United States, and within the fire service. The suicide prevention course is broken into modules that include information about suicidal behaviors and communication, prevention efforts, protocol and policy development, stigma, and how to care for survivors of suicide loss.

This training is designed for fire service trainers who wish to teach a block of instruction on suicide prevention and intervention techniques within a fire service setting.

Course Objectives:

- ◆ Understand the stress, pressure, and culture in fire service that can lead to suicidal ideation.
- ◆ Identify suicidal behaviors and communication..
- ◆ Develop strategies to train fire service personnel in suicide prevention.
- ◆ Recognize the importance of establishing department policy and procedures related to suicide prevention and postvention..

Vetting Process:

In order to ensure continuity, there is a vetting process for those interested in attending. It is important that the appropriate people attend this training as they will be asked to provide this training to staff at their agencies and surrounding agencies. Criteria for those attending are:

1. Preferably already a trainer.
2. Involvement in a peer support or CISM program (not required is preferred).
3. An understanding of the need for awareness and prevention of suicide within the fire service.

Requirements on the part of the agency:

1. Letter of recommendation from Supervisor/Chief.
2. Support of the agency on the importance of this project.
3. Assurance that the trainer will be given every opportunity to educate staff on awareness and prevention of suicide within the fire service.
4. Assurance that the trainer will provide the CPSI with information on these in-house trainings (i.e. date and how many staff attended training) so that CPSI can report back to the funder.

To Register:

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