



## LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO SUICIDAL SUBJECTS: LEGAL REALITIES AND OPTIONS



### COURSE OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

**COURSE LENGTH:** 8 Hours (1 Day)

#### COURSE OVERVIEW

This 1-day course is designed to educate police personnel on the legalities and challenges faced when responding to suicidal subjects. Unique perspectives are provided in order to provoke discussion within agencies to have a true understanding of the relevant Constitutional requirements. Case law examples are provided as talking points to assist in guiding policy and response decision-making. In addition, model programs from throughout the United States are presented as potential options for agencies to consider.

#### INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

Upon completion of this course the attendee will be familiar with:

1. Constitutional requirements related to law enforcement response to suicidal subjects
2. The concept of special relationships
3. Community caretaker function
4. Emergency aid doctrine
5. Sample case laws
6. Contemporary response options



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### DAY TO DAY / HOUR TO HOUR AGENDA

#### DAY ONE

**Hours:**

0800-0830

0830-1200

1200-1300

1300-1330

1330-1500

1500-1700

**Instruction:**

Course Administration, Course Overview

Legal Realities

Lunch

Breakout Room Discussion on Morning Topics

Decision-Making

Alternative Response Options



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### COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Preface
  - A. Course Overview
  - B. Instructional Goals
  - C. Agenda
  - D. Outline
  - E. Co-Host Logistics
  
- II. Law Enforcement Response to Suicidal Subjects: Legal Realities
  - A. State Law Considerations
  - B. Federal Law Considerations
  - C. Common Claims
  - D. Constitutional Requirements
  - E. Special Relationship
  - F. Community Caretaker Function
  - G. Emergency Aid Doctrine
  - H. Sample Case Law
  
- III. Decision-Making Considerations
  - A. Foundational Concepts
  - B. Safety Priorities
  - C. Decision-Making Parameters
  - D. Jeopardy
  
- IV. Alternative Response Options
  - A. Current Cycle
  - B. Significant Events
  - C. Goals of New Approach
  - D. Co-Responder Programs
  - E. Specific Program Examples
  - F. Recommendations



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### STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

#### INDIVIDUAL

- Student notebooks will be made available via Dropbox



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### NTOA PROVIDED INSTRUCTOR MATERIALS

#### INSTRUCTOR PACKET (sent electronically)

- Course roster
- Instructor agreements

#### COURSE PRESENTATION MATERIALS

- PowerPoint presentations available on Basecamp for download



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### STUDENT NOTEBOOK CONTENTS

<b>TAB</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Preface	Overview, Instructional Goals, Agenda, Outline, Student and Co-host Logistic Requirements
1.	Law Enforcement Response to Suicidal Subjects: Legal Realities and Options