



LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO SUICIDAL SUBJECTS – LEGAL REALITIES AND OPTIONS

COURSE OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

COURSE LENGTH: 8 Hours (1 Day)

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

1300-1700

Instruction:

Course Administration, Course Overview

Law Enforcement Response to Suicidal Subjects – Legal Realities

Lunch (Not Provided)

Law Enforcement Response to Suicidal Subjects – Contemporary 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. Definitions
 - B. Common Claims
 - C. Constitutional Requirements
 - D. Special Relationship
 - E. Community Caretaker Function
 - F. Emergency Aid Doctrine
 - G. Sample Case Law

- III. Law Enforcement Response to Suicidal Subjects – Contemporary Options
 - A. Programs in Existence



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CO-HOST LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS

CLASSROOM

Adequate seating for registered students with tables, good ventilation

AUDIO VISUAL

LCD Projector for computer presentation

Large projection screen (minimum of 6'x6' screen size)

Speaker system to connect to laptop for audio

Extension cord and power strip

Audio visual table or cart

Lavalier mic if presentation will be in a large room



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STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

INDIVIDUAL

Law Enforcement ID