

# Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention Training of Trainers

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Clearwater

*There is a brutal truth in law enforcement...that an officer is more likely to be a victim of suicide than a homicide. More officers die from suicide than from line-of-duty deaths, yet little is being done to address this highly preventable loss.*

This tuition-free 8-hour Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention TOT training will heighten awareness, help you understand the indicators, the issues involved, potential solutions, and important protocols to consider. It will also provide materials for on-going in-service and roll-call training within your agency.

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



## Learning Objectives

- ◆ Understand the stress, pressures, and culture in law enforcement that can lead to suicidal ideation.
- ◆ Identify suicidal behaviors and communication.
- ◆ Develop strategies on how to train law enforcement in suicide prevention.
- ◆ Recognize the importance of establishing department policy and procedures related to suicide prevention and post-vention.

# Registration Information

Registration - No cost to attend.

To Register Contact :

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Training Location

St. Petersburg College - Clearwater Campus

Ethics and Social Sciences Building, Conference Room ES 104

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Vetting Process

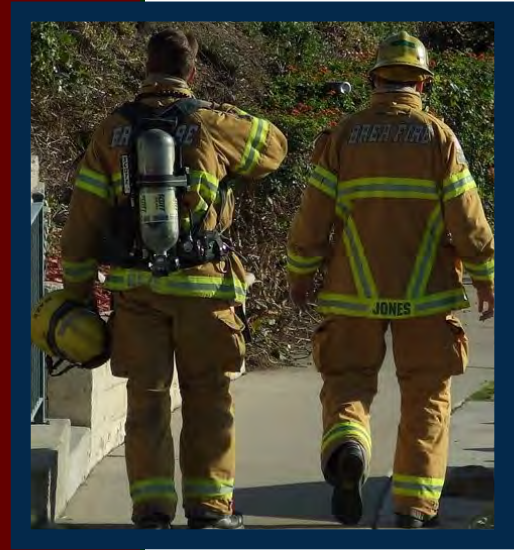
There will be a vetting process for those interested in attending. It is important that the appropriate individuals attend as they will be asked to provide this training to staff at their agencies.

**Criteria for those attending are:**

1. Preferably already a trainer.
2. Involved in a peer support program (*not necessary, but definitely a plus*).
3. Understands the importance of awareness, education, and prevention of LE suicide.

**Requirements on the part of the agency:**

1. Letter of recommendation from Chief/Sheriff.
2. Support of the agency on the importance of this project.
3. Assurance that the trainer will be given every opportunity to educate, through roll-call or in-service training,



## What you Need to Know

- ◆ This is a train the trainer course.
- ◆ The hours of the conference are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ A certificate will be provided to you upon completion of the conference.
- ◆ Attire is business casual. No jeans, sneakers or t-shirts.

**For more information, please contact:**

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*This seminar is part of a nationwide effort to inform, educate and provide assistance to law enforcement and public safety agencies on the critical issue of law enforcement and first responder suicide. This project encompasses regional conferences, train-the-trainers, speakers' bureau and a website for resources.*

## Confirmed Speakers

**Captain James Steffens**

*Pasco County Sheriff's Office*

**Donna Schulz**

*Law Enforcement Coordination Manager, Ret.*

*U. S. Attorney's Office – Middle District of Florida*

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