

Free Training Available to All Law Enforcement Agencies and Mental Health Service Organizations

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards is funding free training for law enforcement officers and mental health professionals entitled, *Law Enforcement / Mental Health Services: A Community Based Response*. The intent of the training is to improve the quality of the responses to individuals with mental disorders by law enforcement officers, mental health practitioners, jail diversion officers, and other first-line practitioners.

The course consists of eight hours of training, which addresses:

- the behaviors associated with mental illness and developmental disabilities;
- proven verbal diffusion techniques and communication skills;
- safety considerations and personal awareness at the scene;
- the legal authority to act; and
- building partnerships within the community.

Each course is eight hours in length, unless otherwise noted, and each is taught by an instructor team consisting of a law enforcement trainer and a mental health trainer. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to dialog with consumers who have a mental illness or developmental disability.

This training will be offered at regional locations throughout the year, so please visit our web site often for the latest updates regarding times and locations.

Each training session is open to all professional disciplines that interact with people with mental disorders. MCOLES in-service credit is available for law enforcement officers who complete this training.

Dates and locations:

September 21, 2009. The training will be hosted by the Macomb Criminal Justice Training Center at the Macomb Emergency Services Training Center, 21901 Dunham Road, Clinton Township, Mich., beginning at 8:30 a.m. To register, please call the Training Center at 586-498-4050.

September 24-25, 2009. The two day training will be hosted by the Oakland Police Academy at the Oakland Police Academy, 2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills, MI, beginning at 8:30 am each day. To register, please call Brenda at 248-232-4220.

September 28, 2009. The training will be hosted by Schoolcraft College-Radcliff, located at 1751 Radcliff Street, Garden City, MI, beginning a 8:30 a.m. To register, please call 734-462-4782 or e-mail jbilak@schoolcraft.edu.

September 29, 2009. The training will be hosted by the Parnall Correctional Facility, at the Dale Foltz Training Center, 4901 Hawkins Road, Jackson, Mich., starting at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. To register, please call 517-780-6318 or 517-780-6319 by September 18th.

September 30, 2009. The training will be hosted by the Parnall Correctional Facility, at the Dale Foltz Training Center, 4901 Hawkins Road, Jackson, Mich., starting at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. To register, please call 517-780-6318 or 517-780-6319 by September 18th.