



To: **New York State Criminal Justice Executives**

From: **James Hogencamp, Office of Public Safety**

Date: **November 20, 2009**

Subject: **Police Mental Health In–Service Curriculum
Orientation Training - 2010 Schedule**

A national study concludes that nearly one in ten calls to the police involve a person in a mental health crisis. A third or more of the homeless in urban areas have a severe psychiatric disorder. Police officers are often the first, and sometimes may be the only responders to crises involving emotionally disturbed persons. Unless there is an attempt by the police to divert the EDP to appropriate medical services rather than continuing criminal justice services, the EDP is invariably going to be in very frequent police contact at a great expense to the community.

The Division of Criminal Justice Services and the Office of Mental Health are among many involved in improving the long term goal of treating those in need, both short and long term. Meanwhile, recognizing the need to keep police apprised of the best courses of action to take, we are pleased to announce the 2010 training schedule for the “**Responding to Situations Involving Emotionally Disturbed People: An In-Service Curriculum Orientation.**” This in-service training program is designed to supplement the Police Mental Health Recruit Training curriculum mandated for recruits. It provides experienced police officers with a more advanced content regarding mental illness, suicide assessment and intervention, response to people with acute symptoms of mental illness; a review of the NYS Mental Hygiene Law; and an opportunity for participants to hear from recipients of mental health services.

Dates and Locations:

***January 20-21, 2010
Dutchess County***

***June 9-10, 2010
Erie County***

***May 5-6, 2010
Oneida County***

***November 17-18, 2010
Westchester County***

We hope that you send instructors from your agency, and the best candidate would be additionally certified for recruit training. However, in order to assure your officers receive training, there is no requirement for special certification to attend the class or to present this curriculum inside your department.

Although we have planned for a large enrollment, seats are limited. Therefore, you must receive confirmation on attendance. Please fax back the application enclosed. **Please have the application sent no later than the date specified.**

If you have any questions about the training, please contact Senior Training Technician Molly Bates at the address in the letterhead, by email at molly.bates@dcjs.state.ny.us or by telephone at (518) 485-5304.

Enclosure



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Police Mental Health In-Service Curriculum Training Registration

<p>Agency Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Phone Number: () _____</p> <p align="center">** One officer per application**</p> <p align="center">**Incomplete applications will be returned**</p>	<p>Person Attending (one per application):</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>SS#: _____ and DOB: _____</p> <p>E-mail: _____</p> <p>Position: <input type="checkbox"/> Police Officer. Rank: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Peace Officer. Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><small>* Pursuant to NYS Personal Privacy Protection Law, DCJS is authorized to collect personal identifying information as part of a public safety agency record. Personal identifying information on this form shall not be revealed, released, transferred, disseminated or otherwise communicated orally, in writing, or by electronic means other than to the registrant. Disclosure of personal identifying information is voluntary. Refusal to provide personal identifying information shall not result in the denial of any right, benefit or privilege.</small></p>				
<p>Please check the box of the location you wish to attend</p>					
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Please return or FAX this application (No cover sheet necessary) to:

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Please complete and return no later than the dates indicated above

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