

Workshop Objectives

Participants will be familiar with the behavioral effects and symptoms of a wide range of intoxicants, learn specific responses to dangerous symptoms of intoxication, be familiar with the concept of a mental disorder and the general categories of diagnosis, learn specific responses to managing the symptoms of mentally ill people, consider management of intoxicated and mentally ill people under the law, and be familiar with mental health and developmental disability rights and confidentiality in their State.

Outline

Review of Intoxicating Substances

Symptoms of intoxication

What officers should look for

Dangers related to each substance

Law Enforcement Response to Intoxication

First Aid

Safety Steps

Seeking Expertise

Be Mindful of Lethality

Specific Medical Conditions to consider

Specific behavioral steps with agitated and fearful people

Use of restraints

Universal Precautions

Effect of Officer's Stress Response on Intoxicated People

Primary Risk Factors of Intoxicated People

Important Medical Diagnoses and How to Respond

Exhaustion

Delirium

The Mind/Body Thing

Mental Disorders as a Convenience, Not a List of Real Things

How Mental Disorders Can Mimic Intoxication

Mental Disorders - an incomplete list

Advice on how to respond to specific symptoms

Behavioral responses most likely to succeed

Effect of Officer's Stress Response on Intoxicated People

Primary Risk Factors of Intoxicated People

State Law on Mental Illness

Rights of the Mentally Ill

Commitment and Refusing Treatment

Acting Weird and Being Annoying

State Law on Mental Health Confidentiality

Specific Rights

Exceptions to Confidentiality under State and Federal Law



Training is 90 minutes long and best for groups of 20 or less to promote participation.