



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING PROGRAM

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Training			Class ID#	Course ID#
Responding to Veterans & Police Officers in Crisis			92590	68222
Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location	
April 17-18, 2019	0830 – 1630 Hrs.	16	MTU 15 Headquarters 1740 Innovation Drive, Room 150 Carbondale, IL	

Course Description

More and more veterans are having trouble transitioning home to our communities. While many have a healthy integration, others face a myriad of difficulties from unemployment, depression, PTSD, and in some cases, destructive behavior such as domestic violence, suicide, and other disturbances. Taught by a Marine Corps veteran, who survived a tragic jet crash and overcame severe PTSD, the instructor is personally familiar with the kind of issues veterans face coming home and how to respond to them.

Law enforcement is facing its own pressures: morale, budgeting, staffing, a hostile media environment, and a myriad of other issues. In many ways, their struggle to “come home” can be as challenging as that of a veteran. For over a decade, he has also worked with police departments and officers across the country on issues of transition and service. He is committed to helping both veterans and law enforcement officers all “come home”.

This class will prepare your officers to better respond to veterans, while making themselves more resilient. Combat veterans and police officers have similar lifetime rates of conditions like PTSD, and a resilient police department is the best way to prepare to respond to veterans.

Course Objectives

Upon completion, students will be able to:

- ✓ Understand the difficulties veterans face in the transition home
- ✓ Understand how PTSD develops and manifests itself in veterans
- ✓ Understand how to defuse threatening situations with veterans
- ✓ Understand why resilient officers better respond to veterans in distress
- ✓ Investigate the connection between suicide, PTSD, and the traumas of service
- ✓ Better understand the mindset of a veteran whose head is still on the battlefield
- ✓ Learn tools for helping veterans and first responders make healthy transitions from conditions of trauma
- ✓ Create a culture of resiliency and pro-active community awareness of veteran and first responder issues
- ✓ Learn and use simple peer support tools that can be used in your department and your community

Instructor

While serving in the Marines, Silouan Green was involved in a jet training accident. In the ejection, Silouan’s back was broken and his co-pilot was tragically killed. This event and the complications that followed left Silouan a shell of a man, who then descended into the hell of PTSD. His life in pieces, he was disability discharged and then hit the road on the back of a motorcycle for two years to look for a new beginning.

Since that journey began, Silouan has published an internationally distributed magazine, Bearfoot Magazine—Journal of Northern California Outdoors, started a successful advertising business, but more importantly, has developed The Ladder UPP recovery program for PTSD and victims of trauma to encourage engagement and provide simple, practical steps to beginning the journey to recovery and living free, fully alive.

Mandates Met by This Training

- Procedural Justice
- Introductory Mental Health Awareness
- Human Rights

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