

Responding to the Mentally Ill: Adequately Trained or Just a Fallacy

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With the rapid growth in the State of Florida, and the closings of mental health institutions, police officers have long played a critical role in the crisis intervention with the mentally ill. This research project examines the current state of readiness for Florida law enforcement regarding the police officers response to the mentally ill. This study presents results from a survey sent to Florida police, sheriffs; and state law enforcement. This research presented in this project finds that while most agencies says that more training is needed, they are happy with their current state of training regarding the mentally ill.