



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law Enforcement Culture for Clinicians

Training By FDLE

This training is designed for master's and doctoral-level licensed mental health clinicians who are interested in serving the law enforcement community. The course offers a unique opportunity to learn directly from law enforcement professionals as they share the realities of their work and the challenges they face.

While efficacious treatments and the clinician's role are briefly discussed, the primary focus is on increasing **cultural understanding and credibility** when working with this population. The content is grounded in peer-reviewed trauma literature and shaped by the real-world experiences of law enforcement subject matter experts.

What to Expect...

Over the course of two days, participants move through a combination of classroom instruction & scenario-based learning.

Day One includes foundational content on law enforcement stress, cultural context, and critical incident case studies such as Pulse nightclub and ambush shooting.

Day Two shifts to interactive, scenario-based training where participants observe and engage in law enforcement situations, followed by large-group debriefings and concluding with a wrap-up discussion and feedback.

*The course is taught by **Michelle A. Walsh**, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 20 years of experience working with various populations including veterans and first responders and specializing in PTSD.*

Michelle has provided education to Sheriffs' Offices, the FDLE Advanced Leadership Program, and the Chief Executive Seminar in Stress Awareness and Management for law enforcement.

Course Objectives

- Using the Stress-X Continuum, clinicians will gain insight into the unique challenges faced by law enforcement.
- Explore strategies that support the development of trust and rapport when working with the law enforcement community.
- Be introduced to psychoeducation tools and evidence-based approaches commonly used within the law enforcement community.
- Clinicians will observe and engage in real-life law enforcement scenarios, followed by guided debriefings that reflect the structure of a critical incident response.

This course is approved by the Florida Mental Health Board for 14 CEUs.
Provider #50-45756.
Certificate of Completion provided.



For more information, including dates and locations, or to register,
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