Interactions with Persons with Mental Illness:

INSTRUCTOR COURSE



Class Overview

The Interactions with Persons with Mental Illness INSTRUCTOR COURSE is designed to be an interactive five day, 40-hour class, which focuses on preparing attendees to teach future Interactions with Persons with Mental Illness annual & biennium training blocks. Attendees will be given the skills and materials to return to their agencies and provide 4-8 hours of instruction in mental health related topics, which ultimately meet state requirements.

In short, the 40-Hour Train the Trainer class has been designed to provide Train the Trainer certification to officers, dispatch and other non-sworn personnel around the state of New Mexico. With this certification individuals can provide the in-service training mandated for LEO's & dispatchers.

The topics included in the class are designed to give attendees a basic foundation in law enforcement instruction as well as the specialized knowledge necessary for verbal de-escalation of people in crisis. During the course of the week-long class participants will gain knowledge regarding crises and how people respond or behave in crisis. The concept of mental illness and its effect on the verbal interaction will be addressed as well. Instructor training is also included.

Participants are expected to actively engage in PowerPoint and lesson plan development, classroom instruction, and live scenario situations and facilitation. The class instructors will be current law enforcement officers, police psychologists, mental health providers, and retired law enforcement officers with extensive expertise and experience in verbal de-escalation and crisis management.

Class Dates

January 11 - 15, 2027
(Abq, NM)

March 1 - 5, 2027
(Abq, NM)

Class Times

8am-5pm each day

Class Cost

$1,000 + tax per person
Group discounts available

This Class is a NMDPS NMLEA Accredited Class.

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Course Topics & Exercises

- Introduction to HB93 and Interactions with Persons with Mental Illness
- The History of HB93, the NMDPS Curriculum and the Train the Trainer Class
- Verbal De-escalation Basics
- The History of CIT Training Approaches
- Introduction to Abnormal Behavior
- Mental Illness 101
- Destigmatizing Mental Illness
- Communicating with People in Crisis
- Basic Active Listening Skills
- The Four Steps in Training
- Basic Scenario Development
- Identifying Community Resources
- Actor Selection, Training, and Preparation
- And More!

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*NOTE that this is not a CIT Instructor Course & this class does not prepare you to put on a CIT class.