

Homelessness and Policing: A Collaborative Approach

DVD-ROM Video

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Homelessness is a serious social issue and is one area of law enforcement that officers may expect high levels of repeat contacts with the same individuals. This repeat pattern gives officers the sense that there may be no hope for helping these individuals get off the streets and improve their lives—but as officers will learn in this program, that is not always the case. A collaborative approach between law enforcement and social services can make all the difference for someone who is homeless.

The goal for this training is to raise awareness among law enforcement personnel regarding homelessness and how to effectively handle these calls for service. The program includes several scenarios to demonstrate key points and provides in-depth interviews with subject matter experts and law enforcement personnel from throughout the state who cover different aspects of homelessness and offer best practices to incorporate on the job.

Segments include:

- Stages of Homelessness
- Approach and Contact
- Enforcement and Collaboration
- Leveraging Available Resources
- Legal Considerations and Potential Liabilities
- Closing Thoughts

The DVD-ROM video program offers two viewing modes and printable instructor and trainee documents:

Facilitated Group Course

Each segment features a short introduction, followed by scenarios with related questions and activities to assist in facilitating a group discussion. The facilitator has the option to play subject matter expert comments after the discussion to re-emphasize a training point or to ensure all topics are covered. A "Facilitator Guide" document (PDF) is included on the DVD-ROM for printout from a computer.

Informational/Individual Viewing

This viewing mode allows an individual trainee or a small group of trainees to view the training video without formal (classroom) facilitation by an instructor. Features the same scenarios and questions or activities as the "Facilitated Group Course" track. Individual viewers may view sample group discussions, followed by comments from subject matter experts that reiterate and reinforce the teaching points. A "Student Workbook" document (PDF) is included on the DVD-ROM for printout from a computer.

Additional "how to" instructions for facilitation and obtaining CPT credit are included on the main menu of the video.



Video Program Guide

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