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VIEWING MODES

Facilitated Group Course Viewing

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 show subject matter expert comments after the discussion. A "Facilitator's Guide" document (pdf) is included for this viewing mode.

Informational / Individual Viewing

This viewing mode allows an individual to view the training video without classroom facilitation by an instructor (but features all of the same segments as the "Facilitated Group Course" track). Individual viewers view sample peer group discussions, followed by comments from subject matter experts that reinforce the teaching points. A "Participant's Guide" document (pdf) is included for this viewing mode.

ABOUT THIS VIDEO

This training program is designed for California peace officers who may be called upon to conduct initial investigation of sexual assault cases, with a focus on unique investigative strategies, Trauma-Informed Approach, delayed reports, interviewing, evidence collection, and arrest considerations. Program segments include child sexual assault, victimology, interview preparations, scene management, and victim contact considerations. A special section emphasizing the peace officer's role and abilities in enhancing victims' long-term well-being is also included.

Utilizing realistic calls common to patrol officers, this program can enhance veteran officers' response and investigation of sexual assault calls while increasing newer officers' skill sets.

Expert commentary and facilitated discussions with current investigators and field experts are included to broaden the viewer's understanding of the many aspects of these very serious investigations.

VIDEO CONTENTS

Overview

Segment 1 – Unique Investigative Strategies

A veteran and a younger officer respond to a P.C. 288 (child molestation) report at a familiar address where prior call history initially affects one officer's approach and interview with the victim's father. Case-specific details affect the actions the officers take.

Segment 2 – Trauma-Informed Approach

An interview with two trauma and victim experts provides officers with valuable information specific to the victims whom officers are trying to assist through their investigations. Specific interviewing tips, principles of victimology, and best practices that safeguard victims while still providing for investigative needs are provided.

Segment 3 – Interviewing Considerations

An officer responds to the police department lobby on a reported rape that occurred two years prior when the victim was a juvenile. He speaks with the victim and her friend.

Segment 4 – Evidence Collection and Arrest Decision

Officers respond to a hotel room on a report of a possible sexual assault. They interview the victim and collect evidence.

Final Thoughts