

CRISIS INTERVENTION FOR CO-OCCURRING SERVICES

John Costa was born and raised in San Jose and continues to live there with his wife and family. After retiring honorably from the Palo Alto Police Department as a sergeant following a 31-year career, John joined the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Department as a law enforcement liaison and trainer. In this role, John and his colleagues serve as a conduit between these two disciplines to facilitate problem solving and support for those in need of mental health services. Another critical aspect of the position involves providing our law enforcement agencies countywide with training on crisis intervention, de-escalation techniques, and effective communication with people experiencing a mental health crisis.

John is also a faculty member in the West Valley College Administration of Justice Department where he teaches a wide variety of subject matter, including offering dual enrollment high school classes in the Campbell Union School.

Shawn Ahearn retired at the rank of Captain after serving thirty-two years with the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS). During his career, he held line, supervisory and administrative assignments in Patrol Operations, Fire Operations, Special Operations, Training Services, and Administrative Services. He was the administrator for the Canine Program, the Lexipol Policy Transition Project, the Police Training Officer (PTO) Program and the Sunnyvale DPS CIT Program.

Shawn earned his Bachelor of Public Administration degree from the University of San Francisco. In 2006 he graduated from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office CIT academy and eventually took over coordination of the CIT program for Sunnyvale DPS, utilizing both police and fire personnel as in-field responders and case managers. The California Crisis Intervention Team Association (CCITA) and Santa Clara County Mental Health recognize the model as a "gold-standard" for integrated and progressive law enforcement response to mentally ill consumers within the community.

Shawn has instructed in numerous CIT academies in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. He was a co-developer and panelist for the San Andreas Regional Center webinar on Interaction with Law Enforcement for the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled. Additionally, he received the first Santa Clara County CIT Officer of the Year Award by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors for his work within the mental health community. He is a member of the California CIT Association and a member of CIT International. He also is recognized as a California Police Officer Standards of Training (POST) Subject Matter Expert (SME) for Alzheimer's, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and Crisis Intervention training. He is a IPICD certified instructor for Excited Delirium Syndrome. He also is a Suicide by Cop instructor.

Shawn is currently working as a Law Enforcement Liaison for Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

One of the hallmarks of the Law Enforcement Liaison Team has been the ongoing presentation and development of the Interactive Video Simulation Training program or IVST. This highly recognized training program was originally developed for law enforcement personnel seeking to increase their ability to interact more effectively and safely with people experiencing a mental health related crisis. IVST continues to earn the highest training accreditation rating possible from the California State Peace Officer Standards & Training Commission (POST). IVST has been recognized and commended by the State Legislature, County Board of Supervisors, Mental Health Board, County Police Chiefs, Momentum for Mental Health, and the National Alliance for Mental Illness.

The basic and expanded training formats focus on providing the participant with greater understanding, sensitivity, recognition, and best practice de-escalation techniques while interacting with people experiencing a mental health crisis or intellectual disabilities. Training aspects and several of the video simulations focus on co-occurring components stemming from dual diagnosis.

The training culminates with the participant applying these skills in interactive video simulations depicting people experiencing a myriad of mental health related challenges.

Over the past several years IVST has expanded with the development of a hybrid training format to include our many mental health care providers, government agencies, and other management approved civilian organizations who could benefit from the experience.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Participants will:

- Increase awareness of stigma of persons with mental health issues
- Increase awareness of mental illnesses, intellectual/developmental disabilities, trauma informed care, and dual diagnoses
- Increase proficiency in verbal interactions with people in crisis
- Refresh and improve verbal skills and tactics using the interactive video scenario training (IVST) system
- Increase awareness in workplace safety

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Post test will be available immediately after the training and open for only 30 min. Participants must pass the post test with 80% and higher to receive CEU credits.

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*****Zoom link and PowerPoint/Handouts will be emailed to the registrants 1 business day before the training.**

***Target Audience: Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services staff and contracted agencies.

***Our Trainings are free. Register online at sccLearn.

May 16, 2022

May 31, 2022

June 7, 2022

or

June 16, 2022

1pm-5:00pm

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