

# **IN HARM'S WAY**

## **Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention Conference**

### **July 20-21, 2009**

#### **Knott's Berry Farm Resort Buena Park, California**

*Presented by*  
*Florida Regional Community Policing Institute at St. Petersburg College*  
*California Regional Community Policing Institute*  
*Bureau of Justice Assistance, U. S. Department of Justice*

There is a brutal truth in law enforcement...that an officer is more likely to be a victim of suicide than a homicide. According to Dr. James Herndon in the FBI's book, *Suicide & Law Enforcement*, "Everyday, somewhere in America, a law enforcement officer commits suicide." More officers die from suicide than from line-of-duty deaths, yet little is being done to address this highly preventable loss.

It is time for agencies to recognize the fact that the extreme stressors that their officers face on a daily basis eventually take a toll. Every law enforcement officer, trainer, supervisor, and executive needs to know about the signs of suicide and what steps can be taken to prevent it. The stigma of asking for help must be stripped away and the need for open and frank discussion should be encouraged.

Topics covered during this 1 ½ day conference:

- Awareness of law enforcement suicide
- Common myths & facts about suicide
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) & depression
- Recognition of warning signs of suicidal behavior
- Intervention techniques for officers in crisis
- Policies, protocols, and postvention

***It takes courage to ask for help. Be courageous!***

**TO REGISTER FOR THIS CONFERENCE, GO TO [www.rcpi-ca.org](http://www.rcpi-ca.org) AND SIGN UP ONLINE**

This conference is part of a nationwide effort to inform, educate and provide assistance to law enforcement agencies on the critical issue of law enforcement suicide. This project encompasses three regional conferences, eight train-the-trainers, a speakers bureau and technical assistance.

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**Registration deadline is July 6, 2009. Space is limited, so register early!**

**This conference is free of charge.**

The host hotel is Knott's Berry Farm Resort, located at 7675 Crescent Avenue, Buena Park, California. A room rate of \$99.00 per night plus tax is available to conference participants. Reservations may be made by calling 866-752-2444 or 714-995-1111 and reference the **Law Enforcement Conference** Group to receive this special rate and to obtain free parking. **Reservation deadline for this special rate is June 30, 2009.**

#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Hotel check-in is 4:00 p.m. and check-out is 12:00 p.m.
- The hours of the conference are: July 20 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; July 21 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- A networking continental breakfast will be served both days from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- A working lunch will be served on July 20
- A certificate will be provided to you upon the completion of the conference

**For more information about the conference, please contact Laura Heisler at 727-341-4437 or [heisler.laura@spcollege.edu](mailto:heisler.laura@spcollege.edu).**



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