



# Suicide:

## A firefighter's Silent Killer

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### **The Fire that Burns Within: Fire Service Suicide - The Reality**

**DATE:** June 30, 2015, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Fire Marshal  
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Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

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There is a growing concern that suicides are affecting the fire service at higher levels than ever before. The Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College has been grant funded to develop a suicide prevention Training of Trainers course. The eight-hour course provides an overview of the suicide issue globally, in the United States and breaks down the problem at the local level. The suicide prevention course is broken into five modules that include information about suicidal behaviors and communication, prevention efforts, protocol and policy development, issues revolving stigma and how to care for survivors.

This training is designed for the fire service trainers who wish to teach a block of instruction on suicide prevention and intervention techniques within a fire service setting.

### Course Objectives

- Understand the stress, pressure, and culture in fire service that can lead to suicidal ideation.
- Identify suicidal behaviors and communication.
- Develop strategies to train fire service personnel in suicide prevention.
- Recognize the importance of establishing department policy and procedures related to suicide prevention and postvention.

### Vetting Process

Because this is an important project, there will be a vetting process for those interested in attending. It is important that the appropriate people attend this training as they will be asked to provide this training to staff at their agencies. Criteria for those attending are:

1. Preferably already a trainer.
2. Involved in a peer support program (not necessary, but definitely a plus).
3. Understands the importance of awareness, education and prevention of suicide within the fire service.

Requirements on the part of the agency:

1. Letter of recommendation from Supervisor/Chief.
2. Support of the agency on the importance of this project.
3. Assurance that the trainer will be given every opportunity to educate staff on awareness and prevention of fire service suicide.
4. Assurance that the trainer will provide CPSI with information on these in-house trainings, ie. date and how many staff attended training so that CPSI can report back to the funder.

