The Alabama Law Enforcement Alliance for Peer Support (ALLEAPS) and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) will provide Law Enforcement peer support training in cooperation with the Lamar County FOP Lodge #33/Marion County FOP Lodge #32, April 26-29, 2021. This 32-hour training has limited seating, and there is <u>no</u> cost for the training. The training will be conducted at Bevill State Community College, 1481 Military Street, S. (Bevill Building, Auditorium), Hamilton, Alabama 36670.

The purpose of this course is to provide Police officers with a distinct skill set, allowing them to deal with and assist other officers following high-stress job-related events such as:

- Officer-Involved Shooting
- Multiple Fatality Collisions
- Suicide
- Child Death, etc.

Additional topics explain the reasons for (and provide solutions):

- Why Police officers live 20 years less than the general public.
- Why Police officers commit suicide at 3-4 times the rate at which we are killed in the line-of-duty.
- Why career Police officers in the U.S. are ranked first in Alcoholism, Divorce, Heart Disease, and PTSD.

ALLEAPS is NOT counseling. **ALLEAPS is** a highly effective peer-driven support system that exists exclusively within the law enforcement brotherhood, instead of with well-meaning mental health professionals that officers typically do not trust.

Completing the 32-hour ALLEAPS program qualifies officers to be certified peer support members identified in Title 36-21-14, Code of Alabama. This certification provides officers the identical privileged communication protection currently in place for a lawyer/client or doctor/patient.

This Peer Support training is <u>RESTRICTED TO CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICERS and RETIREES</u> with valid credentials. Chaplains and mental health professionals who comply with the requirements of 36-21-14, Code of Alabama, upon approval, may be permitted to attend.

The officer should have a good reputation and understanding of the law enforcement brother/sisterhood, along with the willingness to step up and take action when another officer is in need.

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