



Managing Episodes of Drug Induced Psychosis & Excited Delirium Train the Trainer North Port Police Department North Port, FL

ABSTRACT:

With the proliferation of new and dangerous stimulant and psychoactive drugs being used throughout the United States there is an increasing risk to communities of individuals experiencing drug induced psychosis. This often results in threatening and violent episodes that are difficult to manage. Sometimes, acute episodes deteriorate quickly into life threatening medical emergencies for the drug user. Though their delusional behaviors may appear criminal, they are considered medical emergencies and must be handled professionally. First responders are called upon to contain and control these events as quickly, efficiently and safely as possible.

This 8-hour course targets law enforcement command staff, training staff, EMS, risk managers, and policy makers responsible for evaluating liabilities of the agency and the actions of its personnel. Course attendees will be provided the latest information about drug induced psychosis and excited delirium (ExDS) along with 'best practice' field methods for managing these crises.

Topics:

- J **Understanding Drug Induced Psychosis and Excited Delirium (ExDS).** What is a drug induced psychosis and Excited Delirium? Are they the same? How are they presently defined? What are the signs and Symptoms?
- J **History of ExDS.** Symptoms of ExDS have been noted in emergency services for well over 100 years. Remarkably, we are still learning much about the Syndrome with respect to its causes, onset and treatment.
- J **Managing Acute Episodes of ExDS.** An ExDS case is one of the most dangerous and violent episodes that police and emergency medical service workers can confront. Without a full understanding of the psychosis, individuals who respond to calls for ExDS can be caught completely unaware of the consequences of their own actions.
- J **Tools of the Trade.** Law enforcement officers have attempted to manage these unpredictable episodes using the 'tools of the trade.' This includes batons, pepper-spray, TASERs and police canines (K9). How effective are these tools for resolving the episode? Are there better options?
- J **Inter-agency coordination.** ExDS requires a medical intervention but emergency medical services (EMS) are not equipped to manage the associated violence that represents a typical acute episode. They must rely on law enforcement to facilitate the control and custody necessary to administer life-saving support. How are agencies working together? What can be done to create a coordinated response?
- J **The attending physician.** Historically, ExDS patients have rarely lived long enough to make the ride to the receiving medical facility. Physicians therefore have had little experience with the syndrome or how to treat it. With new techniques and tactics, more patients are living long enough to be treated by attending physicians. What role do they play on the heels of custody and control?

-) **Hands on.** Participate in “live” technical custody and control procedures in our “living laboratory.” Scenario based training will provide techniques on how to take control violent drug-induced offenders. Identify how training, policy and coordinated procedures between agencies can work together to consistently improve field results.
-) **Social networking.** The information gathered in this course will allow attendees to intelligently speak with use of force and medical experts outside of their own agencies in a common language that is well understood in this niche area of police and EMS intervention.

About the Instructors:



Roy Bedard, M.S. a 30-year veteran of law enforcement problems and practices is a law enforcement educator, consultant, subject matter expert, and the president of RRB Systems, International, a law enforcement and security product and training corporation. Roy has attained national and international notoriety in law enforcement, corrections, security and military circles with his original equipment and training programs. His opinions and commentary regarding law enforcement procedures have been presented on CBS, ABC, USA Today, and dozens of radio shows, newspapers and websites. Roy has a Master's degree in Sport Psychology from the Florida State University and is currently a Ph.D candidate focusing on perceptual decision-making and cognition under pressure.

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David Bellamy, M.D., began his work as a law enforcement officer before attending medical school and completing his residency at the University of Florida. David is an orthopedic surgeon at the Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic (TOC) in Tallahassee Florida since 2002. He presently serves with the Tallahassee Police Department as a Reserve Officer and Tactical Apprehension Team (TAC) member. David has taken a keen interest throughout his career in the orthopedic medical issues facing law enforcement officers and has been instrumental in providing learned insight into the medical issues that law enforcement officers respond to. He has provided training courses to professionals about recovery from occupational injuries, and lectured on police response to drug induced psychosis and excited delirium. He currently also serves as a team physician for FSU Sports Medicine assisting FSU athletes with sports related injuries. [http: https://www.tlhoc.com/bios/detail/bellamy-m.d.](http://https://www.tlhoc.com/bios/detail/bellamy-m.d)

REGISTRATION:

The **Managing Episodes of Drug Induced Psychosis & Excited Delirium** course is available to law enforcement and emergency service professionals in Sarasota County. Class size is not limited.

To Register Contact:

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There is no cost for the seminar. All attendees must be bonafide members of the Criminal Justice System with active employment in Police, Sheriff's Office, EMS or Fire Services. Legal and Medical personnel in the community are also invited to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact

Inspector Koval at 941-429-7344

Consult local POST for up to 8 hours of approved credit toward mandatory retraining. A certificate of completion is provided upon successful completion of this course.

Cancellations and substitutions: All attendees should register before March 20th. Registrants may be exchanged or substituted up to the beginning of course. Certificates will not be given to partial attendees.

It is not necessary to inform RRB Systems International of substitutions.

Location and Dates:

Morgan Family Community Center
6207 W Price Blvd, North Port, FL 34291
March 23, 2018 0800-1600

Promptness is appreciated. Attire: Business casual. All trainers engaging in hands-on practical custody and control (last 2 hours) should wear loose comfortable attire. Polo shirts and BDU are sufficient. No weapons will be allowed on the mats.