



Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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NOT YOUR FATHER'S WAR

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans: Coming Home

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Purpose of Course: This full day program has been designed with the purpose of addressing the issues of returning veterans that served in Iraq and Afghanistan. No one comes home from war unchanged. The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq will produce a new generation of veterans at risk for the chronic mental health problems that result from exposure to the trauma of war-zone experiences. These men and women are in our communities dealing with the many issues that they have brought with them from combat. Some of them will choose law enforcement as an occupation. And, sadly, some of them will enter the criminal justice because of less favorable interactions with law enforcement. This generation of heroes needs and deserves that law enforcement understand their plight so we can be part of the solution.

Course Description: Being a police officer requires that we have an understanding of significant groups of people in our jurisdictions. Hundreds of thousands of military personnel return from the war in the Middle East. As many as 300,000 of them return to civilian life with PTSD, substance abuse issues and traumatic brain injuries. Law enforcement needs to understand the effects upon these vets and how to best address issues when the vets come in contact with the police. The modern day law enforcement officer cannot afford to dismiss these issues under the guise of patriotism or to dismiss the effects of combat on these members of our communities.

Course Goals: The goal of this course is to train law enforcement officers in issues relating to returning modern day veterans. In order to achieve this goal, focus will be specifically placed upon:

- Effects of combat that effect return to civilian life
- Differences between Iraq vets and Afghanistan vets
- Effects of the media and political scrutiny on this war
- Traumatic brain injury and return to civilian life
- Increase suicide, domestic violence and substance abuse among vets
- Viet Nam veterans compared to Iraq and Afghanistan vets
- Vets involvement in the criminal justice system
- Homelessness and unemployment of returning veterans
- Effects of deployment on the families of veterans



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Learning Objectives for Course:

- To be able to identify specific indicators of PTSD
- To be able to identify differences between different kinds of experiences
- To be able to understand traumatic brain injury
- To be able to recognize red flags in returning vets
- To understand the impact of returning to civilian life for vets
- To be able to recognize signs of a veteran in peril
- To be able to recognize post traumatic disorder

Instructor: GAIL SULLIVAN, M.A., Professor of Criminal Justice, Westwood College, Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Sullivan is a certified trainer through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. She has conducted training programs for public and private sector organizations, social service agencies, school systems, the Cook County Juvenile Court, Cook County Adult Probation, the Chicago Police Department and numerous mobile teams to include Mobile Team #10 where she has previously presented several training programs. Gail's programs are always well received, as she has proven to interact very well with law enforcement.

To Register: Email registration to register@letac.org. You may also fill out and submit our online registration form through the website at www.letac.org or call 217-726-7014 to register by phone with Sandy or Donna (be sure to include all pertinent information). MTU #10 local member department officers will be given registration preference until seven days prior to the date of class. After that date, registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of MTU status. We cannot accept registrations from individual officers. All registrations must go through your Chief, Sheriff, or department training office, even if you are attending class on your own time.

Cancellation: If a class must be canceled for any reason, every effort will be made to do so at least 2 weeks before the class is scheduled to begin. However, there are circumstances where last minute cancellation is out of our control. All officers who have been registered for training will be contacted at the email address given at registration, so please be sure to provide an email address which is checked often. If you are registered for a class and find that you will be unable to attend, please contact our office as soon as possible to let us know. We often have a waiting list for classes and another officer may be contacted to fill your newly vacated seat.