

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR FIRE & EMS

In 2017,
103
firefighters
died by suicide;
more than the
93
firefighters who died
IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

USA Today

A survey of
7,000
North American
firefighters revealed
27%
have struggled with
SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES.

NBC Washington

Why Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid for Fire/EMS teaches you **how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders**. This 8-hour training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care. It focuses on the unique experiences and needs of firefighters and EMS personnel and is a valuable resource that can make a difference in their lives, their coworkers' and families' lives, and the communities they serve.

WHAT IT COVERS

- A discussion of first responder culture, stigma and their relevance to the topic of mental health.
- Outreach tactics to respond to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
- A discussion of the specific risk factors faced by many first responders and their families.
- A review of common mental health resources for first responders, their families and those who support them.

WHO SHOULD TAKE IT

- Firefighters
- EMS personnel
- Other first responders
- Family members of first responders

The course will teach you how to apply the ALGEE action plan:

- **Assess** for risk of suicide or harm
- **Listen** nonjudgmentally
- **Give** reassurance and information
- **Encourage** appropriate professional help
- **Encourage** self-help and other support strategies

TO FIND A COURSE OR CONTACT AN INSTRUCTOR IN YOUR AREA, VISIT
www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org OR EMAIL Info@MentalHealthFirstAid.org.

WANT TO TAKE THE COURSE?

Where: **Central Orleans Volunteer Ambulance (239 S. Main St., Albion)**

When: **Sunday, June 9th; 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**

Register Here: <http://www.lpcnems.org/education-training>



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