



# Peace Officer Standards and Training

Instructional Subject: *Handling Persons with Mental Illness*

**Unit Goal:** To provide the student with basic knowledge and skills for dealing with Persons in A Mental Health Crisis

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**Performance Objectives:** Upon completion the student will be able to ....

- A. Identify commonly held attitudes and beliefs about people with mental illness or in a Mental Health Crisis
- B. State the intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as it refers to law enforcement
- C. Define “persons in a Mental Health Crisis” per NRS 433A.115
- D. Recognize differences between a Mental Health Crisis, developmental disability and neurological disorders
- E. Recognize behaviors of and ways to interact with people with mental illness, to include:
  1. Assessing unpredictable and dangerous behavior and maintain the safety of all people involved, to include:
    - i. Suicide
    - ii. Suicide by cop
  2. Gathering information so that appropriate dispositions may be chosen
- F. Identify the elements of the 72 hour hold concerning persons in a Mental Health Crisis (NRS 433A.150)