



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

Cat. I	Cat. II	Cat. III	Reserve	Reciprocity
X	X	X	X	
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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 neurologi-cal 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 and 160)