



The Alabama Suicide and Prevention Resource Coalition (ASPARC), the Alabama Public Health Center for Emergency Preparedness, and the Alabama Public Health Division of Social Work has joined together to host the

On The Front Lines: Addressing Stress, Trauma, and Suicide Prevention in Community Responders

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2016 • Time: 7:30-8:45am Sign In/Pick Up Conference Packet, 8:45am-4:15pm Conference

Location: Alabama Activity Center, 201 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104

Cost: \$30.00/per person. Mail payment to the following address: Harriet Schaffer, Treasurer, ASPARC, 2633 Alta Glen Drive, Vestavia, AL 35243

Registration: To pre-register for this conference, please click on the link below. There will be no onsite registration.

<http://www.adph.org/Extranet/Forms/Form.asp?formID=5837> Pre-registration and payment deadline: Wednesday, August 31, 2016.

Preliminary Conference Agenda

7:30 - 8:45am	Sign In and Packet Pick Up
8:45 - 9:00	Welcome and Conference Preliminaries Elana M. Parker Merriweather, Ed.S. LPC, Center for Emergency Preparedness, Alabama Department of Public Health David Coombs, President, Alabama Suicide Prevention and Resource Coalition (ASPARC)
9:00 - 10:15	Introduction of Opening Speaker Judith Harrington, PhD, Alabama Mental Health Counseling Association (AMHCA) and Alabama Suicide Prevention and Resource Coalition (ASPARC) Opening Speaker - Topic #1 - The Neurobiology of Suicide Richard Shelton, MD, Faculty, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology, University of Alabama at Birmingham
10:15 - 10:30	Morning Break (Networking and Vendor Exhibits)
10:30 - 11:45	Topic #2 – The Impact of Trauma on the Dysfunctionality of First Responders Derrick Swanson, MS, Former Fire Chief, Retired Training Group Supervisor, Alabama Fire College and Captain, Emergency Services, Special Operations Division
11:45 - 1:15pm	Luncheon Speaker - Topic #3: My Personal and Professional Journey as a First Responder Grantt Culliver, Associate Commissioner of Operations, Alabama Department of Corrections (featured on MSMBC Series <i>Lockup Extended Stay: Holman Correctional Facility</i>)
1:15 - 2:15	Topic #4 – Stress Management, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention in Emergency Response Personnel <i>Moderator: Alicia Reed, Emergency Management Program Specialist, IA Officer, Human Services Branch Director, Alabama Emergency Management Agency</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Sarah Nafziger, MD, FACEP, Assistant State Emergency Medical Services Medical Directoro Cedric Leonard, MS, Deputy Sheriff, Corporal, Administrative Division /Support Services, Montgomery County Sheriff's Departmento Corporal Jesse Thornton, MPA, Public Information/Education Unit, Alabama Law Enforcement Agencyo Dennis Blair, BS, Former Emergency Medical Services Director, Volunteer Firefighter
2:15 - 2:30	Afternoon Break (Networking and Vendor Exhibits)
2:30 - 3:30	Topic #5 – Mental Health, Guns and Suicide: Assessment and Interventions Tools Judith Harrington, Ph.D., SLPC, LMFT, Assistant Professor of Graduate Counseling, College of Education – University of Montevallo
3:30 - 4:15	Topic #6 – Intra-agency Initiatives to Address Intentional Self Injuries and Suicide Prevention in Alabama <i>Moderator: Renae Carpenter, LCSW, PIP, Social Work Director, Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama Suicide Prevention and Resource Coalition (ASPARC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Richard Burleson, MBA, MPH, Director, Injury Prevention Branch, Alabama Department of Public Healtho Debra Hodges, PhD, Suicidologist, Epidemiology Division, Alabama Department of Public Healtho Beverly Johnson, MPA Director of Prevention, Alabama Department of Mental Health, Prevention Branch
4:15	Wrap Up, Evaluation Forms, Certificates of Attendance

Objectives:

- Provide an overview of the neurobiology of suicide and its impact on generational genetics as a predictor of suicide risk
- Explain the impact of disaster related trauma on the multiple roles of first responders during a community emergency
- Discuss the influence of work related trauma on domestic violence, substance abuse, and interpersonal relationships outside of the workplace
- List multi-agency perspectives on how to respond to the mental health needs of emergency responders in the community
- Describe screening tools that are used for suicide assessment, prevention, and treatment
- List statewide resources that are available to address intentional injuries and suicide prevention in Alabama

Target Audience:

- Law Enforcement Personnel
- Medical/Health Care First Responders
- Behavioral Health Clinicians (therapists, nurses, social workers, paraprofessionals)
- Disaster Response Volunteers
- Emergency Medical Technicians

Continuing Education Credits:

CE's have been approved for the following disciplines:

- Social Workers (ABSWE Provider #0009) - 6.25
- Emergency Medical Technicians (16-ALOEMS-003) - 6.25
- Law Enforcement (approved by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards & Training Commission (APOSTC) - Executive Level and Regular Continuing Education Credit - 6.75

- ALC's/LPC's - Please contact Elana M. Parker Merriweather at elana.parker@adph.state.al.us

- Nurses - CE's have been applied for and pending approval.

If your professional discipline is not listed, you will need to contact your respective state licensing board prior to the conference for advance approval.

A certificate of attendance will be provided to each participant at the conclusion of the conference for verification of attendance.

Conference Information: For additional information, please contact Elana Merriweather at elana.parker@adph.state.al.us or Renae Carpenter at renae.carpenter@adph.state.al.us. Or, you may contact the Alabama Department of Public Health - Center for Emergency Preparedness at (334) 206-3394.

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