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Policing with Perspective

Police Mental Health Intervention with Citizens

Understanding the legal and communication approaches that work with

Emotionally Disturbed People (EDPs)

Virtual training- Must remain on camera to receive training credit

"This class may be used in partial satisfaction of the MPTC local option for the 2024 training season."

MIIA Officer: "Christina and John are a good team. You get both the lawyer and clinician perspective. It's what made this training very helpful."

Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Bedford Police Department
2 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730
8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
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Key Topics

- **Social and emotional context**
 - ✓ Top 10 EDP behaviors and prescription drugs
 - ✓ Interaction Techniques
- **Legal Interventions**
 - ✓ 123, §§ 12, 18 (underrated), and 35
 - ✓ Chapter 6E and 555 CMR 6.00
 - ✓ Arrest and the *Newton* rule
- **The Co- response Model in action!**



About the Presenters

John Sofis Scheft is the founder of Law Enforcement Dimensions, LLC and a training partner of MIIA since 2008. He is the author of the most widely used manuals on criminal law and procedure, and juvenile issues in Massachusetts.

Aside from legal preparation, John Scheft performs consulting services for police agencies concerning policy and management. John also worked for the Attorney General and as an Assistant District Attorney in Middlesex County. He lives with his wife and two children in Arlington.

Christina Valeri, LMHC, Arlington Police Department

Christina Valeri has her undergraduate degree from Stonehill College in Psychology and her Master of Science degree in Clinical Mental Health from Merrimack College with her LMHC. She has a wide variety of experiences in the field; everywhere from working on a therapeutic farm to working at Tewksbury State Hospital (forensic and geriatric psych units). Her main specialty is forensic psychology.

She has been working at the Arlington Police Department for over a year where they utilize the co-response model (which means she goes with police officers to any mental health, well-being check, overdose, homeless, domestic etc. calls). She provides an array of resources to Arlington residents as well as assist Arlington PD with de-escalation and further mental health training.

Attendance at this training qualifies MIIA member for .5% FY24 Rewards credit under the Law Enforcement Liability category

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