

# The Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

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## Mental Health Training for Police, Other First Responders, and Mental Health Advocates

**Friday, January 23, 2009**

**Sessions 9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M., OR 1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**Lebanon County Municipal Building**

**400 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Lebanon, PA 17042**

**Auditorium of the Municipal Building**

*Light Refreshments will be Provided at Each Session*

### AREAS OF INSTRUCTION TO BE STUDIED DURING EACH SESSION

- \* Recognizing the symptoms of mental illness, de-escalating a crisis, and exploring the range of options available to the police, other first responders, and mental health advocates.
- \* Identifying what is going well in Lebanon County and improving how we build upon other mental health training received by workers regarding how to deal with crisis situations.
- \* Guiding mental health advocates and police officers/other first responders to understand:
  - 1) The extent to which "authority" (force) can be used in each system,
  - 2) The "types of authority" that are often used and how this might impact a situation when encountering an individual with a mental health diagnosis who has become unstable, and
  - 3) The reasons for arrest when encountering a person with a mental health diagnosis who has "decompensated" (become unstable).
- \* Learning more about how the systems work together and why, at times, they seem to work against each other. Procedures for protecting the mental health individual, police officer, other first responder, and mental health advocate will be considered.
- \* Examining some best practice procedures that can be used and how they can be applied to each part of the "system". Role play will be used if time allows.

**\*\*If time permits, the DVD "First Responders" will be shown. It demonstrates effective techniques to use when a First Responder encounters a person with a mental health diagnosis. It was made through a partnership among MPOETC, MCES, Drexel, et. al.\*\***

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