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911 For First Responders

Join us for a webinar on January 26, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to noon for presentations by Rosecrance Florian Director Dan DeGryse, Unit Coordinator Erica Gilmore, and Unit Specialist Justus Clinton. This training will provide behavioral health providers with a better understanding of the first responder population and practical tools to implement in their own practices. CEU's will be provided.

THE PRESENTATIONS:

Taking Care of Our Own

Presenter: Dan DeGryse

Dan will describe the motivation behind creating the Rosecrance Florian Program based on his experience with the Chicago Fire Department as a battalion chief/EMT, employee assistance provider, and peer supporter. He will also discuss how the program is connecting with first responders.

This presentation will address the following:

- What a clinician should know when working with first responders
- The importance of being culturally aware
- What makes the Florian program effective

Barriers to Treatment in the First Responder Community

Presenter: Justus Clinton

Justus will share his personal journey from police officer, to mental health client, and then mental health clinician. Justus will describe his own barriers and how he's helping other clients overcome them.

This presentation will address the following:

- Identifying barriers to treatment
- Establishing therapeutic relationships with first responders
- Normalizing the first responder experience



First on the Scene: Enriching the Clinical Experience of First Responders

Presenter: Erica Gilmore

Erica will describe her experience as coordinator of the Florian Program. She will also identify the key cultural characteristics of first responders that impact treatment and the therapeutic relationship.

This presentation will address the following:

- Have an understanding of how symptoms of mental health and substance use disorders appear
- Discover how evidence-based programs and clinical theory effective in treatment
- Recognize the ways first responders are different from other clients

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THE PRESENTERS:

Ret. Chief Dan DeGryse**BA, BS, CEAP, LAP-C, CAI, CFO, CADC***Director of the Rosecrance Florian Program*

Dan has worked 30 years in the Chicago Fire Department. He began his career in 1989 and was promoted up the ranks to Battalion Chief, earning the Chief Fire Officers designation before retiring in 2019. He also served as the Coordinator of the Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2 Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for 14 years. In his position, he developed a peer support team to broaden the EAP's reach within the fire department. Dan has been a member of the IAFF peer support training that he helped create. Dan has extensive clinical experience providing individual, group, and family therapy with both adults and adolescents in the area of addiction and mental health issues and has advanced training in Critical Incident Stress Management.

Erica Gilmore, M.S.Ed, LCPC, CADC*Unit Coordinator*

Erica joined the Rosecrance family in August of 2015 as a primary counselor and was promoted to unit coordinator in February of 2017. She has worked in the field of substance use and mental health for 10 years with experience working with various populations struggling with co-occurring issues. Erica received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Philosophy from Augustana College and a Master of Science in Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Western Illinois University. Before joining Rosecrance, Erica worked at the Center for Alcohol and Drug Services in both the outpatient program and the Scott County Jail before moving to an inpatient hospital-based residential program at UnityPoint Health.

Justus Clinton, BA*Unit Specialist*

Justus grew up in Champaign, Illinois, and started his career in public service as an EMT before graduating high school. While pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology at Illinois State University, he joined the Savoy Fire Department in Illinois. He then served 21 years in law enforcement with 16 of those with his hometown police department in the patrol division. He also served as a field training officer and master firearms instructor. He was awarded the Champaign Police Medal of Valor, Police Officer of the Year, Departmental Lifesaving Award and multiple medals of commendation. After leaving public service, Justus joined Rosecrance as unit staff on the Florian Unit and currently serves on a national peer support team for first responders.



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