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Using Self-Advocate Educators in Scenario-Based Training for First Responders

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LEAD Model Implementation

LEAD Model demonstrating relationship between participating entities

Development of the Scenarios & Corresponding Curriculum

- In collaboration with Police Academy & EMS/Fire Trainers, 7 scenarios were developed.
  - 5 Police Training Scenarios were developed and 3 were determined by the Ethan Saylor Alliance Steering Committee to be used for initial training purposes.
    1) Bystander/Witness/Victim in a Public Space
    2) Request for Assistance from a Family Member
    3) Missing Person
  - For Fire/EMS, 2 scenarios were developed.
    1) 911 Medical Call for Assistance
    2) 911 Call for Medical Assistance – Mobility Transport Bus
Scenario 1

Bystander/witness/victim in a public space

A group of adults with I/DD are at the mall in the food court. They have their food and other items on the table including their wallets.

A teenage male approaches the group and engages in conversation with two people at the end of the table. While talking, he takes a wallet off the table.

The two individuals at the end of the table shout to him to stop, but he runs away. The police are called.

Pre-COVID-19 Law Enforcement Training Sessions

On-Site

• SAEs sit amongst police officers as equal partners in the educational setting.
• The approved curriculum is presented by the trainer. SAEs answer questions along with police officers/trainees.
• At a scheduled break, SAEs and police officers socialize.
• Finally, the role-play scenarios are enacted.
• Following each scenario, a debrief is conducted with both the SAEs and the trainees. This debrief includes officer critique and reflection.

Post-COVID 19 Law Enforcement Training Sessions

Via Video Conference

• SAEs, trainers, cadets are all synchronous via video conference software.
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Post-COVID-19 Online Regional Pilot for EMS Blended Learning

- Online Asynchronous Training Module where EMS Professional Trainers and SAEs are "Course Guides" to content.
- Online Synchronous Training Sessions utilizing scenarios in “real time” in multiple breakout rooms - allowing for trainees to participate in more than one scenario.

Results of LEAD Model Pilot 1

- Officers and recruits who received the LEAD training as part of their MPCTC ID/DD required curriculum reported statistically higher levels* of comfort in social interactions with people with disabilities post-training compared to the training group who did not receive the LEAD training as part of their MPCTC ID/DD required curriculum.

What the Trainees Are Saying About LEAD ...
(Exemplar Responses)

This training taught me:
- “I know and understand how those with IDD can act and respond to situations involving LEOs.”
- “How to communicate, specifically, how to give examples to demonstrate what I am talking/asking about.”
- “[I] speak slowly, develop a rapport with the individual before asking questions. Give the individual time to speak.”
- “That all people with IDD don’t always look like it. How to connect with people with disabilities better, and I became aware of the different jobs and hobbies they do.”
- “How to approach a group of IDD individuals, and how every IDD individual is different.”
- “I learned more interpersonal skills for communication with individuals with disabilities and how to de-escalate a situation.”
- “That use of force techniques do not apply to people with disabilities the same way.”
- “That more officers should be trained by practicing with people in this way.”
Self-Advocate Educator Perspectives

• Overall, why is the role of an SAE important?
• Why does he like to be an SAE in the LEAD Program?

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