Bringing Science to the Streets: Helping Public Safety Personnel in Massachusetts Deal with Emotionally Disturbed Persons, Stress and Trauma

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Public Safety Themes
- How to manage EDPs and suicidal persons
- How to deal with special populations, such as the elderly, children, and persons from different cultures
- How to manage stress and trauma due to bad outcomes or gruesome crimes
- How to use principles of risk assessment in criminal justice proceedings

Training Topics
- Crisis Intervention and Risk Management Trainings for First Responders
- Communicating with Culturally Diverse Populations
- Police and Children: Effective and Positive Interactions
- Crisis Intervention and the Elderly
- Probation Officers: Dealing with Mentally Ill Offenders
- Evidentiary Topics in Forensic Cases

Police
Firefighters
EMTs
Corrections
Probation
Parole
Judges
Attorneys

Research
- The Boston Police Study
- Mental Health Attitude Survey for Police (MhASP)
- Network analysis (Ucinet 6.0) of the development of a Worcester Diversion Consortium.
- Sequential Intercept Modeling of the Boston service delivery system and its intersection with the criminal justice system.

Working Collaborations
- Blackstone Valley Police & First Responders
- Boston Municipal Court Department
- Boston Police Academy
- Brookfield Police Department
- Brookline Police Department
- Committee for Public Counsel Services
- DMH Sponsored Police & Provider Trainings
- Fitchburg Police Department
- Greenfield Police Department
- Marlborough First Responders
- MBTA Transit Police Department
- Massachusetts Probation Officer Academy
- Worcester County DA's Office
- Worcester Police Academy
- Worcester Police Department
- UMMS Police Department

Who We Are
The Mental Health and Law Core (MHLC) at the Center for Mental Health Services Research has been working with law enforcement personnel for over ten years. During this time, our research and training has expanded to meet the needs of other public safety personnel, including firefighters, emergency medical technicians, corrections officers, probation officers, parole officers, judges, and attorneys. Utilizing research methodology as a tool to inform program and consortium development, and to enhance training curricula design and delivery, the MHLC is bringing science to the streets.