Why Mental Health Training?
NAMI P.D. Connect was created a little over 2 years ago, and since then has achieved tremendous success in educating security personnel about more effective strategies for handling mental health concerns. We know that these situations can be very frustrating, and it may seem as if there are limited options for what can be done. This training aims to fill in some of those gaps, empowering you to feel more certain and assured when responding to mental health situations. Throughout these sessions, we provide an overview of what mental illness is, how to best interact with someone who is exhibiting symptoms of a mental illness, and what practical resources are available to use as referrals for individuals and family members.

Who Should Attend?
This program is beneficial for all first responders and general security personnel. We hope that you will take advantage of this program and join us in helping to connect individuals who have a mental illness and their family members to life changing resources.
"I will remember the speakers’ personal stories and how I became emotionally attached to them. Understanding what they went through and the obstacles they had to overcome."

"The most impactful part of the presentation was how honest and real their stories were, so impressive"

What does the training cover?

⇒ Learn more about the prevalence of mental illness, common diagnoses, and the common signs and symptoms.

⇒ Hear first hand from two speakers who have mental health diagnosis and are currently in recovery while learning about recovery options for people including therapy and medication.

⇒ Work through a very practical action plan which you can follow when handling a mental health call.

⇒ Connect with representatives from the Mental Illness Court Alternative Program (MICAP), the State’s Attorney, Gateway (Substance Use), and NAMI DuPage.

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