

# Interactions with Persons with Mental Illness: INSTRUCTOR COURSE



## Course Director: Dr. Troy Rodgers

Dr. Rodgers is a police psychologist based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He has a master's degree and a doctorate in clinical forensic psychology. He has worked with law enforcement officers for over 20 years. At the present time, Dr. Rodgers works as a consultant to over 500 local, state, and federal law enforcement, firefighter, ambulance, dispatch and corrections agencies.

Dr. Rodgers is a highly sought after trainer in the field of psychology and criminal justice. He is routinely utilized as an expert by multiple regional media outlets. Dr. Rodgers is also certified as a Professional Lecturer and Master Instructor by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety Training Academy.

## 2025 Class Dates

April 21-25th, 2025 \*Los Lunas, NM\*

June 9-13th, 2025

September 29-October 3, 2025

December 1-5th, 2025

## Class Times

8am-5pm each day

## Class Cost

\$900+tax per person

Group discounts available

**\*NOTE that this is not a CIT Instructor Course & this class does not prepare you to put on a CIT class.**

## Class Overview

The Interactions with Persons with Mental Illness INSTRUCTOR COURSE is designed to be an interactive five day, 40-hour class, which focuses on preparing attendees to teach future Interactions with Persons with Mental Illness biennium training blocks. Attendees will be given the skills and materials to return to their agencies and provide 4-8 hours of instruction in HB93 related topics, which ultimately meet state requirements.

In short, the 40-Hour Train the Trainer class has been designed to provide Train the Trainer certification to officers and other non-sworn personnel around the state of New Mexico. With this certification individuals can provide the in-service training mandated by HB93 in 2011.

The topics included in the class are designed to give attendees a basic foundation in law enforcement instruction as well as the specialized knowledge necessary for verbal de-escalation of people in crisis. During the course of the week-long class participants will gain knowledge regarding crises and how people respond or behave in crisis. The concept of mental illness and its effect on the verbal interaction will be addressed as well.

Participants are expected to actively engage in PowerPoint and lesson plan development, classroom instruction, and live scenario situations and facilitation. The class instructors will be current law enforcement officers, police psychologists, mental health providers, and retired law enforcement officers with extensive expertise and experience in verbal de-escalation and crisis management.

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(One Block South of Alameda and one block west of Jefferson)

- Introduction to HB93 and Interactions with Persons with Mental Illness
- The History of HB93, the NMDPS Curriculum and the Train the Trainer Class
- Verbal De-escalation Basics
- The History of CIT Training Approaches
- Introduction to Abnormal Behavior
- Mental Illness 101
- Destigmatizing Mental Illness
- Communicating with People in Crisis
- Basic Active Listening Skills
- The Four Steps in Training
- Teaching Adult Learners

## COURSE TOPICS & EXERCISES

- Finding Instruction Resources
- Identifying Community Resources
- Giving effective Feedback and Evaluating with a Purpose
- Basic Scenario Development
- Organizing the Scenario Experience
- Training and Preparing Your Facilitator Pool
- Actor Selection, Training, and Preparation
- Running the Scenario Experience
- Tailoring your class to your audience
- Getting the most of a short timeframe

**This Class is a NMDPS NMLEA Accredited Class.**

Register Online at <https://form.jotform.com/243395441704154> or:

Please fill out this registration form for all attendees and either fax (505-888-5498), mail (PO Box 92002, Albuquerque NM. 87199), or email (t.rodgers@pspg-nm.com) it in. If you have any questions please call 505-888-5499. Note that we can provide an invoice or quote if one is needed. Checks, purchase orders, etc. should be made out to PSPG.

Name of Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

Department or Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Class Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: Check  Purchase Order  Credit Card

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*There is a \$100 No Show/Late Cancellation fee (less than 14 days before an event) for all PSPG classes. No fee will be charged if you reschedule for a future class.**