



EMS Information Bulletin 2021-01

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SUBJECT: Overdose-Substance Abuse Training

TO: PA EMS Providers
PA EMS Agencies
PA EMS Agency Medical Directors
PA Regional EMS Councils

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The Department of Health is excited to offer First Responders a new training entitled First Responder Addiction and Connection to Treatment (FR-ACT). This 4-hour training is approved for four (4) Continuing Education credits for EMS providers.

This is a peer-led training, offering additional knowledge and skills necessary for agencies and individual EMS professionals to respond to individuals who have survived an overdose or who have a Substance Use Disorder (SUD). It addresses important topics including burn-out and work-related stressors when working with this population.

Modules include:

- Addiction as a Disease
- Trauma
- Stigma
- Communication Techniques
- Connection to Treatment

For more information please visit the FR-ACT website at bit.ly/FR-ACT. To schedule a training session for your agency, please contact ra-dhrf@pa.gov.