

## **Cleveland Division of Police**

Homelessness  
Annual Crisis Intervention In-service Training  
Four Hours  
Lesson Plan

### **Title of Lesson:**

Law Enforcement and Homeless: Forging Partnerships

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### **Course Goal:**

- Increase officers' basic understanding of the causes and prevalence of homelessness in the United States and locally. Increase knowledge on how to interact with a person experiencing homelessness.

### **Course Learning Objectives:**

- Understand the causes of homelessness
- Understand the causes that lead to persistent homelessness
- Understand how to interact with a person experiencing homelessness
- Learn important resources for police officers

### **Methodology:**

Participants will be taught by instructors with knowledge and experience interacting with people who experience homelessness. All trainers will come from agencies that provide services to people experiencing homelessness. A PowerPoint presentation will be presented to the trainees which includes an ice breaker, video, lecture, and discussion. An Instructor Manual will supplement the power point will serve as an instructional aid.

### **Training Equipment:**

- Computer, projectors, screen, and speakers
- Handout, "Street Card" detailing resources available
- PowerPoint presentation

**Training Schedule: 4 hours – 240 minutes (210 minutes with breaks)**

<b>Content</b>	<b>Teaching Methods &amp; Materials</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b><u>Slide #1</u></b> Welcome/ Introductions	Title Slide	1
<b><u>Slide #2-3</u></b> Ice Breaker/ Photographs	Discussion with class to glean their initial understanding of homelessness	10
<b><u>Slide #4</u></b> Review training goal and objectives	Lecture and discussion Review Objectives	1
<b><u>Slide #5</u></b> Video: Define Homelessness	Play first 2 minutes of video and have discussion	5
<b><u>Slides #6-8</u></b> McKinney-Vento definition of homeless	Lecture and discussion	5
<b><u>Slide #9</u></b> Video: Understanding Homelessness: Data	Video; introduction to data, then discussion	5
<b><u>Slide #10-12</u></b> National and local data on homelessness	Lecture and discussion	5
<b><u>Slide #13</u></b> Ice Breaker	Discussion on why people are homeless	8
<b><u>Slides #14-15</u></b> Understanding Homelessness; Contributing factors	Lecture and discussion	8
<b><u>Slide #16</u></b> Pamphlet; Ohio's Housing Wage	Lecture and discussion	5
<b><u>Slides #17-20</u></b> Understanding Homelessness; Challenges	Lecture and discussion	10
<b><u>Slide #21</u></b> Video: An Aging Homeless Population	Play entire video and start discussion on challenges facing older adults who are experiencing homelessness	10
<b><u>Slides #22-23</u></b> Older Population	Continued lecture and discussion	5

Content (continued)	Teaching Methods & Materials	Time
<b><u>Slide#24</u></b> Video: Living in Your Car	Play entire video and discuss	20
<b><u>Slides #25</u></b> Poverty & Homelessness	Lecture and discussion	2
<b><u>Slides #26</u></b> Incarceration & Homelessness	Lecture and discussion	2
<b><u>Slide #27-29</u></b> Minorities & Homelessness	Lecture and discussion	5
<b><u>Slide #30</u></b> Access to Health Care	Lecture and Discussion	2
<b><u>Slides #31</u></b> Homelessness & Youth	Play video and discuss	3
<b><u>Slide #32</u></b> <b><u>Videos</u></b> Homelessness & Youth	Continue discussion	5
Slide # 33 Resource: Bellefaire	Review available resource	3
<b><u>Slide #34</u></b> Factors that increase homelessness for youth	Lecture and discussion	5
Slide #35-38 LGBTQ and Homelessness	Lecture and discussion	6
<b><u>Slides # 39</u></b> Things to Consider	Lecture and discussion.	2
<b><u>Slide # 40</u></b> Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care	Lecture and discussion	2
<b><u>Slide #41</u></b> Rapid Rehousing	Lecture and discussion	

<b><u>Slides #42-43</u></b> Coordinated Intake	Lecture and discussion	4
<b><u>Slide #44-46</u></b> How to Access Recourses and the Shelters Available	Lecture and discussion	6

<b><u>Slide #47-51</u></b> Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH)	Lecture and discussion	6
<b><u>Slide #52-54</u></b> NEOCH's Street Outreach Services	Lecture and discussion	8
<b><u>Slide #55</u></b> Video: Street Chronicles	Play Video and discuss	5
<b><u>Slide #56</u></b> What does NEOCH Provide	Lecture and discuss	2
<b><u>Slide #57-60</u></b> Best Practices/ Role of the Police	Lecture and discuss	9
<b><u>Slide #61</u></b> Strategies	Lecture and discuss	5
<b><u>Slide #62</u></b> Scenario	Read scenario and discuss	10
<b><u>Slide #63-68</u></b> Resources/ Contacts	Lecture and discuss	5
<b><u>Slide #69</u></b> References	Lecture and Discuss	1
<b><u>Slide #70 - 72</u></b>  Cuyahoga County Diversion Center	Lecture and discussion	2
<b><u>Slide #73</u></b> Closing Thoughts	Lecture and discuss	5
<b><u>Total Instructional Minutes</u></b>		<b>210</b>
<b>Note: Add three 10 minute breaks</b>	30 minutes	
<b>Total</b>	240 minutes 4 hours	