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The Georgia Public Safety Training Center State Opioid Adapted Response (SOAR) Training

The Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) has collaborated with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) to develop hands-on training for public safety personnel titled *State Opioid Adapted Response (SOAR)*.

The Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) section, is now offering a 4-hour *State Opioid Adapted Response (SOAR)* training course for all public safety responders. The course offers state of the art training on the effective use of Naloxone “NARCAN” to provide immediate medical assistance to individuals suffering from an opioid overdose. During the training sessions, students will be provided with information to report usage and obtain replacements of *Naloxone* at no cost to the agency.

Public safety responders will gain knowledge necessary to recognize symptoms of an opioid overdose, best practices to protect themselves and the victim from further exposure, and the proper administration of *Naxolone*. Training also focuses on building effective community substance abuse prevention relationships and enhancing conflict de-escalation tactics.

To register for the SOAR course please visit the GPSTC website at www.gpstc.org . For more information or to host a *SOAR* course, please contact CIT Manager Andy Garner at agarner@gpstc.org or (478) 993-6785. GPSTC will provide state-trained instructors to teach the *SOAR* course at your desired location.

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*To honorably represent the state of Georgia through devoted dedication to the **Public** service of our citizens, committing to improving the level of professionalism in the public **Safety** community by offering state of the art **Training** and distinguishing ourselves as the Nation’s premiere **Center** for learning and growth.*