

WORKSHOP

PROFILE

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WORKSHOP 1

MONDAY, MAY 10, 9:00AM - 12:00PM (MT)

ERNIE & JOE CRISIS COPS: COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE TO MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

JOE SMARRO, of the award-winning HBO documentary **ERNIE & JOE: CRISIS COPS**
Founder and CEO, SolutionPoint+

This workshop will begin with a screening of the 25-minute version of the award-winning HBO documentary **ERNIE & JOE: CRISIS COPS**, which puts a spotlight on the culture of policing and takes a clear-eyed look at how we train and support officers to respond to those in a mental health crisis. Following the screening, former San Antonio Police Department Officer Joe Smarro, who is featured in the film, will engage audiences in a discussion of what they saw, answer questions about his experience and the vicarious trauma this work can inflict on officers, and share how-to's, do's, and don't's about establishing a mental health unit or a co-deploy response team in one's community. Mr. Smarro will also address the origins of the San Antonio Police Department Mental Health Unit, how and why it has evolved over time, the importance of crisis intervention training for officers, and the need for more support and care of officers' own mental health. Participants will be invited to join in role-play exercises to practice compassionate communication, as seen in the film, and be given opportunities to reflect upon and brainstorm concrete next steps to improving mental health crisis response in their communities.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- » Police, crime prevention and community safety professionals
- » Urban and rural municipalities, and Indigenous communities - administration and elected leaders
- » Community and Protective Services, social and health-care workers, FCSS and community developers
- » Urban & Regional planners, architects, landscape architects and urban designers
- » Downtown revitalization, neighbourhood and business associations
- » Educational, cultural and religious institutions
- » Commercial and institutional property owners, managers and operators

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