



Too many officers leave the force by their own hand.

The Mississippi Division of the Southern States PBA, Inc. and the Police Benevolent Foundation, Inc. have partnered with the MS L.E.A.P.S programs, In Harm's Way Suicide Prevention Program, RCTA, District Attorney Joel Smith and the Harrison Co. District Attorney's Office to educate law enforcement administrators, law enforcement officers and their family members about the hidden dangers of PTSD and its connection to the high rate of law enforcement suicide.

On Friday, November 7th, the Foundation is conducting an informational seminar about PTSD and law enforcement suicide. This event will be held at the Donal Snyder Center in Biloxi. This seminar is absolutely free, and it is extremely valuable in its potential for saving lives and careers.

#### The Facts:

- More officers die each year by their own hands than are killed in the line of duty.
- Law enforcement suicide is seldom addressed or acknowledged by law enforcement agencies.
- Each day an officer makes the choice to take his/her own life.
- The effects of law enforcement suicides are long lasting to both the officer's family and the department.
- Of the nation's approximately 18,000 law enforcement agencies, only about 2% have policies or programs that address law enforcement PTSD or suicide prevention.

Invite your friends, your family members and co-workers to this event.

Membership in the PBA is NOT A REQUIREMENT for attending this seminar. Our goal is to educate all officers in all departments. Seating is limited so, please register you and your guests immediately. District Attorney Joel Smith and the Harrison Co. District Attorney's Office will provide lunch for all attendees.

## **BEHIND THE BADGE SUICIDE PREVENTION & OUTREACH SEMINAR**

**Friday, November 7, 2014 8:00AM-4:00PM**

**Donal Snyder Center**

**2520 Pass Road**

**Biloxi, MS 39531**

**For information please call 1-800-233-3506**

**Register: [www.pbf.org](http://www.pbf.org)**

