



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

NO. 4-2000 February 2, 2000

**TO: SHERIFFS, JAIL ADMINISTRATORS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION,
TRAINING COORDINATORS, POLICE CHIEFS AND COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
DIRECTORS**

RE: REVISED SUICIDE PREVENTION - CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM

The Commission in conjunction with the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) have made revisions to the statewide Suicide Prevention Program. These changes primarily concern the eight hour basic Suicide Prevention Training Program. Minor revisions have been made to both the hard-copy and JMS formats of the Suicide Prevention Screening Guidelines.

There has also been a collaborative effort over the last year with NYS OMH to revise the basic suicide training videotape along with the suicide refresher videotape series. In addition, a new "Basic and Refresher Training Manual" has been developed to reflect current research relating to suicidal persons detained in county jails and police department lockups. As part of the new training package, a revised "Officer's Handbook" has been printed and will be made available to police and correction officers.

The New York State Office of Mental Health will be sending the new materials to all county jails and police departments that currently have certified trainers. It will not be necessary for your instructors to be retrained if they have already successfully completed a Train-the-Trainer Program delivered by the Commission and the New York State Office of Mental Health/Ulster County Mental Health. We encourage you to send new trainer candidates to any one of the three Train-the-Trainer sessions scheduled for 2000.

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If you have any questions, please call Jim Taisey of my staff at (518) 457-9122 or Pam Morschauser at Ulster County Mental Health at (914) 340-4168.

Train-the-Trainer Sessions for 2000

February 15-17, 2000	Yonkers, New York
April 25-27, 2000	Lake Placid, New York
September 19-21, 2000	Ithaca, New York

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