

A FIRST RESPONSE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Behavioral Emergencies: Responding to a Suicide Scene

March 28, 7 pm, Lowville Academy Auditorium

Welcome: Bob Bowman –
EMT Beaver Falls Ambulance

Opening Comments: Robert Gorman –
Executive Director – United Way of NNY

Introduction: Justin Astafan – Chief of
Operations – Lewis County Search & Rescue or

Statistical Analysis: Anna Platz, Public Health
Specialist/Co-Chair of Lewis County Suicide
Prevention Coalition

Review of Northern New York Statistics:
Analysis: Frequency; Demographics; Common
Contributing Factors

Guest Speaker: Roger Breisch, noted speaker
from Batavia, IL will speak from his more than
3,000 hours of experience with the National
Suicide Hotline.

Emergency Response Considerations – Justin
Astafan – Lewis County Search & Rescue

- Care for the potential suicide victim

The Initial Assessment; Scene Size Up; Identify
yourself

- Patient Assessment

Level of Responsiveness (to person, place &
time); Detailed Exam (as much as possible);
Gather a thorough Patient History

- Care for Surviving Friends & Family

Local Resources – Post Incident Assistance –
Crystal Collette, Lewis County Hospice
Bereavement Coordinator/Co-Chair of Lewis
County Suicide Prevention Coalition

What's Available to Emergency Responders?

- What's available for the Survivors?
(Family & Friends)

Wrap-Up and Open Comment Period



(Guest Speaker: Roger Breisch)

Total anticipated duration of session: 90 Minutes

*EMS Continuing Education Hours will be awarded for
participating in this event.*