

# Virtual Training for First Responders: Caring for People Who Use Drugs

KBEMS Approved Training:  
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This course is being offered to improve patient outcomes for people who use drugs by improving patient-provider interactions, ultimately increasing the likelihood that people call 911 in the event of a suspected overdose. The training will also lay the groundwork for EMS leave behind programs in which a take home naloxone kit is given to overdose survivors.

## Learning Objectives

- Identify current drug supply issues and state the role of harm reduction plays in the health of people who use drugs
- Identify ways in which EMS providers can improve treatment outcomes for people who use drugs
- Explain the role of language, hand-off reports, and documentation in treatment efficacy
- Explain the role of EMS in community programs, public health and combatting fentanyl myths

**THURS**

**June  
20th**

6-8pm EST

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Register**

Stephen Murray, MPH, NRP, retired from a more than eight-year full-time career in EMS, having worked in Pittsfield and Northern Berkshire County in Western Massachusetts. He has extensive experience in overdose response and prevention work and was one of the architects of the Berkshire Post Overdose Program (BPOP). Lt. Murray also founded the Massachusetts Overdose Prevention Helpline, a harm reduction service that was designed to activate EMS for people who became unresponsive while using drugs alone. He draws on more than a decade in long term recovery from opioids and stimulants and is a frequent speaker on the subject of EMS role in providing care to people who use drugs.

