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SFPD's 'Critical Mindset Coordinated Response Training' selected for prestigious workshop by IACP's 2020 Conference in October 20-097

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SAN FRANCISCO (September 10, 2020) — San Francisco Police Chief William Scott today confirmed that the innovative SFPD professional development class, “Critical Mindset Coordinated Response,” (or CMCR) has been selected as an official presentation to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 2020 Virtual Training Event and Expo in October.

IACP, which is described “as the world’s largest and most influential professional association for police leaders,” and is “committed to advancing the safety of communities worldwide,” selected SFPD’s CMCR workshop as part of its prestigious leadership track in the “simulative” format for this year’s event.

According to Chief of Police Bill Scott, “This is an exciting opportunity led by Lieutenant Michael Nevin, currently based in the department’s Training Division, together with Commander Denise Flaherty and Sergeant Justin Bugarin, to showcase the training they receive that emphasizes the necessary planning and coordination to resolve complex, volatile and potentially high-risk situations safely in our City.

Even as San Francisco is now considering assigning behavioral health episodes to non-police responders in the months ahead, violent and some threatening behaviors will continue to pose real risks to the lives and safety to the public, for which SFPD's CMCR has been a highly effective response. Indeed, data showed a promising 24 percent decrease in 2019 uses of force compared to 2018 numbers and preliminary data for 2020 shows a 16 percent decrease in use of force during the second quarter compared to 2019. San Francisco has been cited in national publications as a national leader in police reform, and IACP 2020's invitation to SFPD's CMCR offers another reason."

Lieutenant Michael Nevin was more generous about the CMCR program's inspiration, noting: "The concepts taught in CMCR are not new to law enforcement. But this program has served as an important reminder for the San Francisco Police Department that preparing for violent encounters requires that training be consistently evaluated and frequently rehearsed. Commendably, many of our officers have embraced this training; our communities have benefited from it, and our hope is that IACP's attendees in October will benefit from it as well."

You can [learn more about CMCR by listening to SFPD's podcast episode](#).

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