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WHAT THE RESEARCH SAYS:

- Law enforcement officers are more likely to commit suicide than be killed in the line of duty.
- Law enforcement officers have a higher suicide rate than the general population.
- Systemic lack of training and prevention programs.
- Inconsistent hiring practices/alternate theory.
- Models of success do exist.



The Pain Behind the Badge, <http://thepainbehindthebadge.com/>

WHAT LEADERS CAN DO:

- Embrace transformational leadership approach to initiate culture change.
- Make mental health and suicide prevention a top organizational priority.
- Implement consistent pre-employment psychological screening practices.
- Facilitate organization-wide training, prevention, and intervention programs.



In Public Safety, <https://inpublicsafety.com/2017/08/what-makes-an-effective-law-enforcement-leader/>