

STRIVE

A VCPI training program that explores how community-based efforts to prevent terrorism and counter violent extremism fit into the broader homeland security mission.

STRIVE is designed to encourage and enable communities to integrate community policing into existing and developing efforts to counter violent extremism. The scope of the program is to measurably increase the knowledge and skills of law enforcement practitioners and community stakeholders to engage in community policing practices that improve their capacity to counter violent extremism at the local level.

STRIVE consists of a core curriculum designed as a 2-day, 16-hour Instructor-Led Training (ILT) for direct dissemination to law enforcement practitioners and community stakeholders, either in a traditional or virtual classroom environment. Supporting the core curriculum is a 3-day Train-the-Trainer (TTT) format which prepares instructors to further disseminate the core curriculum in an efficient, consistent, and measurable manner.

STRIVE instructional design is based on a scaffold approach encouraging participants to progress from content awareness through application of learning. The STRIVE core curriculum consists of five (5) content modules, supporting the following terminal learning objectives for participants:

- Utilizing principles of community policing, formulate a Community of Practice as a tool for countering violent extremism at the community level.
- Use community policing principles and practices to recognize the full spectrum of violent extremism as it relates to new and existing efforts to counter violent extremism.
- Use community policing principles and practices to detect violent extremism and the key environmental and social elements that enable and sustain it within a community.
- Apply community policing strategies and practices to proactively prevent and deter violent extremism within a community setting.
- Discover community policing strategies and practices that deny violent extremism of its intended objectives.

In addition to direct instruction, STRIVE incorporates case studies, multi-media presentations, facilitated discussions, and activities that culminate in a Community of Practice Exercise (COPE) at the conclusion of each module. Working in groups that blend public-safety professionals with community stakeholders, the COPE allows participants to apply the specific principles and practices learned in each block of instruction by means of guided group activities and challenges. The COPE, coupled with interactive curriculum, makes STRIVE an ideal combination of participant exploration, discovery, and application designed to enhance efforts to counter violent extremism through community policing.

STRIVE is intended to provide comprehensive and engaging training to diverse audiences of community stakeholders involved in, or seeking to be part of, community-based CVE efforts. Inclusive in design, it is appropriate for sworn law enforcement, public-safety personnel, as well as non-sworn community members. Target audience members include officials representing local, state, tribal, and territorial leadership; community leaders (including faith-based groups and community organizations); campus communities; law enforcement (all levels and to include fusion center personnel); and representatives of communities targeted for recruitment by violent extremists, and additional relevant stakeholders.