

## Introducing the HOPE Team:

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Who are we? We are a group of volunteers who are dedicated to helping raise awareness about suicide, and also provide support to anyone who has lost someone they love to suicide.

Our team consists of first responders – police officers, sheriffs deputies, coroners, and other emergency personnel who are trained to provide assistance in trauma situations, including at sites of suicides.

We also have a large group of people trained in therapy – nurses, counselors, clergy and other professionals who dedicate their lives to helping people cope with life's tragedies.

And finally, we have a group of suicide survivors – people who have personally lost someone they loved to suicide, who know how it feels to go through the grieving process.

The mission of the HOPE Team is to reduce suicides and suicide attempts by educating people about suicide and providing support to those affected by suicidal thoughts and suicide.

The HOPE Team provides bereavement service that is specific to suicide. Additionally, our team provides service to other sudden or traumatic deaths. The HOPE Team serves people who are impacted by completed and attempted suicides.

Law enforcement or a local community authority activates the HOPE Team, and our team responds to the scene or a safe environment once there is a determination the death is due to suicide.

The HOPE Team also makes advocacy visits to families and friends who have lost a loved one, friend, or colleague to suicide.



*Members of the HOPE Team with other law enforcement officials and first responders after receiving crisis training in May of 2014.*

For more information on the HOPE team, call 812-470-6790 or visit our web address: [www.hopeteamevansville.com](http://www.hopeteamevansville.com)

Email address: [hopeteamevansville@gmail.com](mailto:hopeteamevansville@gmail.com)

Join our Facebook community: HOPE Team

Follow us on Twitter: @EvansvilleHOPE

If you or someone you love needs help with suicidal thoughts, hotlines are available at 812-422-1100 or 1-800-273-8255.

If you are experiencing an immediate emergency, please call 911 or visit the nearest emergency room.