

SEAN RILEY



Sean Riley is the Founder and President of Safe Call Now, a confidential comprehensive 24-hour crisis referral service for all public safety employees, all emergency services personnel, and their family members nationwide. Safe Call Now was implemented in 2009 after legislation was passed guaranteeing confidentiality nationwide for all who call the Safe Call Now crisis line that is staffed by current and former first responders.

Sean played baseball for San Diego State University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration. He started his law enforcement career as a San Diego County Deputy Sheriff in 1987 and later relocated to Washington State in 1990. Sean spent over 16 years with the Kirkland Police Department. His many accomplishments include being a member of the International Homicide Investigator's Association, Homicide and Sexual Assault Detective, Interview, and Interrogation Specialist, D.A.R.E. Officer, Gang Officer, and Certified Training Officer. Sean is also credited with solving one of the first ever elder abuse homicide cases in the nation.

Sean's prominent career in law enforcement ended in 2005 when he could no longer hide his "secret" behind the badge. Sean threw away his almost 20-year stellar police career due to alcohol and drug addiction and was headed toward suicide to become just another unknown statistic.

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In addition to attending college for substance abuse counseling, Sean worked as a supervisor at a local treatment center where he witnessed many public safety employees coming in and out of treatment. Riley decided to do something about it. From his own experience, he knew that first responders wanted to come forward for help, but due to the stigma attached, they would not. Admitting to a substance abuse or mental health problem is perceived as a sign of weakness and could result in the termination from a noble career. By creating a safe and confidential place to reach out for help, first responders are now coming forward in droves from around the nation to better their lives, better their families and better their careers.

Recognized as a dynamic national keynote speaker and trainer, Sean travels throughout the country to share his inspirational story. Coupled with cutting edge, interactive training, Riley hits those once thought of as “taboo” or “controversial” topics “head on.”

“Safe Call Now provides education, healthy alternatives, resources and a complete continuum of care to save lives and put families back together. Though a collaborative effort, Safe Call Now has discovered when you provide an opportunity for an individual to get their life and family back, you get one great employee back out serving the public.” – Sean Riley