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District 7
Central Mass CISM Team
Bill Bernhard, Coordinator
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District 8
Montachusetts CISM Team
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Districts 9, 10, 11, 12
Western MA CISM
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District 13
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Serving The Network

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Boston EMS Team
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DCR
Dwayne Erickson, Coordinator
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Cambridge Fire CISM Team
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All services are rendered taking the greatest care to maintain the highest levels of personal integrity, confidentiality and to do no harm.

MASSACHUSETTS

Peer Support Network

If you need assistance
Network members are on-call 24/7

508-820-2000

Our mission is to provide peer assistance to all emergency service personnel within the Commonwealth before, during or after a critical incident, regardless of race, gender or age.

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David Clemons
Operations Section Chief
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What is a Critical Incident?
Events that have the potential to create significant human distress and can overwhelm one’s usual coping mechanisms.

Known Critical Incidents
Line of Duty Death
Suicide of a Working Colleague
Death / Serious Injury of a Child
Discharge of a Firearm
Prolonged Failed Rescue
Mass Casualty Incidents
Victim Known to Responder
Personal Safety Jeopardized
Excessive Media Coverage

How Do We React to These Events?
Often reactions to Critical Incidents fall into five categories. It is not unusual for one, or all members of the department to experience some or all of these reactions.

Cognitive Reactions
Decision making difficulties
Confusion
Disorientation
Concentration
Memory loss
Unable to perform multiple tasks
Flashbacks

Behavioral Reactions
Sleep Disturbance
Withdrawal
Family Discord
Crying Spells
Hyper-vigilance
Hyperactivity
Alcohol / Drug Use

Physical Reactions
Muscle Tremors
Headaches
Backaches
Loss of coordination
Nausea
Upset stomach

Emotional Reactions
Anxiety
Fear
Feeling overwhelmed
Feeling detached from reality
Anger
Resentment
Grief
Guilt
Melancholy

Spiritual Reactions
Anger at God
Withdrawal from Faith-based Community
Cessation of Faith-Related Practices

The MA Peer Support Network seeks to lessen the impact of such stress reactions through a variety of interventions provided by fully trained peer support personnel.

District Teams serve the towns within their fire district.

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