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# LEADING THROUGH TRAGEDY

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## LIVING THE DREAM

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### NOW WHAT? - THERE IS NO MANUAL FOR THIS

Family Organization Community Yourself

### WHAT WAS LEARNED

**Family** - Be there for the family. Look for ways to honor the individual when and if appropriate.

**Organization** - Provide grief counseling for your employees and elected officials. Don't be afraid to show emotion when talking to your employees.

**Community** - Let the emotion of the moment subside in order to make the right decision. Provide an outlet for the community to grieve and heal.

**Yourself** - Take time for yourself. Get away and recharge. Attend grief counseling and share how you feel.

# RIPPING THE SCAB OFF: AGAIN AND AGAIN



### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION - SUICIDES

Some warning signs may help you determine if a loved one is at risk for suicide, especially if the behavior is new, has increased, or seems related to a painful event, loss, or change. If you or someone you know exhibits any of these, seek help by calling the Lifeline.

Talking about wanting to die or to kill themselves

Looking for a way to kill themselves, like searching online or buying a gun

Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live

Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain

Talking about being a <u>burden to others</u>

### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION - SUICIDES

Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs Acting <u>anxious</u> or agitated; behaving recklessly Sleeping too little or too much Withdrawing or isolating themselves Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge Extreme mood swings

### National Suicide Prevention Hotline - (800) 273-8255

If you or someone you know needs help, please do not be afraid to ask for it.



beautiful day in paradise, my friend" or "Living the Dream" He served as Chief from 2009 - 2016

### THANK YOU

Questions?

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