
2,650 MILE THRU-HIKE ON THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

FUNDRAISING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS



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SAFE CALL NOW®

"Saving the lives of those who protect us"

Safe Call Now®, established in 2009, is a non-profit organization designed to offer nationwide, comprehensive crisis referral services for all public safety employees and their family members.

Established and managed by public safety officials, Safe Call Now® recognizes firsthand the stressors first responders encounter and offers a broad array of training, as well as a confidential 24/7 crisis hotline staffed by current and former public safety employees.

The Excursion. Pacific Crest Trail.

"Amplifying Mental Health Awareness
for First Responders."

2,650 miles is more than just a number. It's a commitment. Safe Call Now's Marketing Director, Julie Wimmer, will set out to hike the 2,650 mile thru-hike on the Pacific Crest Trail commencing mid-April 2017, with an expected finish date of August - September 2017. This [CrowdRise Fundraiser](#) is designed to bring awareness to those first responders out there who are suffering in silence.

"We're counting because they count."

In 2016, here are the sobering statistics of our #1stresponders in/out of uniform...

- 140 officers were killed in line-of-duty deaths
- 98 Verified Police Suicides
- 94 Verified Firefighter Suicides
- 34 Verified EMS Suicides
- 28 Verified Corrections Suicides
- 4 Verified Dispatch Suicides

*Keep in mind, there are many more that go unreported.

When first responders took an oath to become a public safety servant, they respectfully put their uniform and badge on to serve one purpose – to protect and serve their community and although they knew there would be consequences, they had no idea they would become a target to so many. In 2016, 140 officers were killed in the line of duty. This is a travesty. Things can go wrong at any time in their job. Every day they have to be ready for the unexpected because they never know what's coming. One moment it can be something dangerous, something tragic. Something that makes them question everything they thought they knew. And right after that, they may find themselves in a situation helping someone, saving someone. That's the job. The amazing and the inhumane – side by side.

This *elite* hike is dedicated to our first responders who put their lives on the line every day to protect their communities. Please help me in this endeavor, by supporting this worthy cause. All proceeds will go directly to Safe Call Now® to help fund their 24-hour crisis line, resources and training and education nationwide.

