Training Objective

The Portland Water Bureau Field Crews have been continually working outside in all districts throughout the City of Portland. The crews have had to work in, amongst and watch severe mental anguish, breakdowns, rampant drug use, physical outrage, and altercations day after day, week after week month after month and year after year. This workshop addresses the multifaceted impact of stress on the body, especially in the light of working in the field through the pandemic and was designed to present practical information from a growing body of biomedical research on the physiology of the human stress-response.

The Training objective is to acknowledge the number of challenges these employees have been faced with and assist the field crews that have interfaces with vulnerable communities and teach the employees how to move forward in a healthy way, support with tools of coping strategies and methodologies that can ease the challenges that they can use to help themselves, their families and pass on to others that they work with moving forward to the "new normal".