**After-Action Report: Question, Persuade, Refer Gatekeeper training (QPR), September24, 2017**

Vet to Vet Tennessee (V2VT) and the Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council provided QPR training to Christ Presbyterian Church, Sweetwater, Tennessee at the request of Pastor Wes Alford and Randall Scott, church member and V2VT Vice President.

1. The program was conducted by Barbara & Randall Scott, Sheryn & Don Davis and Ed Junod.
2. The QPR training session was 120 minutes; Ed Junod is a certified QPR Institute QPR Gatekeeper instructor.
3. Christ Presbyterian Church printed the course handouts.
4. V2VT prepared white hand out bags with suicide prevention material provided by the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network and the VA Knoxville Outpatient Clinic.
5. Total attendance included:
   1. 4 females and 4 males
   2. 2 veterans
   3. 1 junior high school female
   4. Average age of attendees was 58.38
   5. 100% surveys returned.
   6. **60%** attendees acknowledged they know someone who is or was suicidal; one attendee had a family member commit suicide less than 3 years ago.
   7. First suicide prevention training for 100% of the attendees.

**Comments**:

1. *“More & more training is needed from middle school to college”*
2. *“I could do this over – as a refresher. Maybe we can add a 10-15-minute talk on Christian resources as well”*
3. *“Very good for lay people”*
4. *“No real mental health services in Sweetwater”*

**Lessons Learned:**

1. Presenter’s remote control did not work; delayed/interrupted presentation.
2. No yellow “warrior ethos” cards. V2VT to have more printed
3. Four attendees participated in the role playing; excellent discussion afterwards.
4. More resource information for rural communities.

The next Veteran specific QPR training is scheduled for Thursday September 28, 2017 at Cornerstone of Recovery, 4726 Airport Hwy, Louisville, TN 37777

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