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FOUNDATION

# OPERATION: STRESS SHIELD

*Resilience Training for Those  
Who Keep Our Communities Running*



## The Challenge:

In today's world, public servants face unprecedented demands. Economic uncertainty, community tensions, climate-related disruptions, and global unrest have raised baseline stress levels nationwide. For First Responders, Law Enforcement, public works, and municipal staff, the pressure is constant—especially when responding to disasters, emergencies, and high-pressure public interactions.

## Why It Matters:

When stress is high, tension rises, the risk of burnout grows and decision-making suffers. For peace officers, high-pressure encounters can escalate unnecessarily without the right tools to keep themselves and everyone else calm. For many government employees, prolonged strain impacts health, morale, and job satisfaction—and can lead to costly turnover and absenteeism.

## Our Solution:

Operation: Stress Shield is an ongoing resilience training program that equips municipal employees with practical, proven tools to resist stress, restore mental and physical resilience, and help them perform at their best—no matter the pressure.

## The Result:

A calmer, clearer, and more resilient workforce who are ready to serve the community with focus, confidence, and care, despite what challenges arise.

## Benefits:

- Stay calm and clear under pressure
- Make better decisions in critical moments
- Improve cooperation and empathy without losing authority or discernment
- Reduce burnout, turnover, and absenteeism
- Support long-term wellness—and even lower health care costs over time



**NEXT STEP:** Call Bill Parravano  
TODAY to discuss how **Operation:  
Stress Shield** can benefit your  
organization!

Or **Scan the QR code** with your  
phone's camera to schedule!

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## Benefits for Municipal Governments



Municipalities across the country face rising challenges: increased stress among employees, strained community relations, burnout and increasing healthcare costs. By implementing Operation: Stress Shield (O.S.S.), local governments can strengthen their workforce and improve outcomes for both employees and the public.

### Top 12 Benefits of O.S.S. To Your Organization

- **Reduced Healthcare Costs** – Fewer stress-related illnesses, injuries, and claims that lower insurance and medical expenses.
- **Lower Absenteeism** – Employees take fewer sick days and stay more consistent in attendance.
- **Improved Retention & Recruitment** – Wellness support increases job satisfaction, reducing turnover and attracting new talent.
- **Enhanced Productivity & Performance** – A calmer, more resilient workforce who make better decisions and work more efficiently.
- **Safer Public Interactions** – Employees trained in stress regulation handle conflict with professionalism, improving community trust.
- **Better Crisis Readiness** – Staff maintain composure during emergencies, leading to more reliable and effective response.
- **Better Team Cohesion** – Shared training builds camaraderie, trust, and mutual support across departments.
- **Reduced Liability & Risk** – Stress-resilient employees are less likely to make costly mistakes or escalate situations unnecessarily.
- **Stronger Mental Health Support** – Practical tools reduce burnout, anxiety, and PTSD symptoms among high-stress positions.
- **Positive Public Image** – Demonstrates the municipality appreciates, values, and invests in its workforce, boosting community confidence.
- **Return on Investment (ROI)** – Tangible financial savings from fewer claims, reduced turnover, and improved efficiency.
- **Grant & Funding Alignment:** – Municipalities can position themselves as leaders in employee wellness, making them more competitive for federal/state wellness grants.

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# ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

## Our Mission

The Comella Foundation is built upon the osteopathic principle of “*structure governs function*”. We achieve this through specially designed movement, breathing, and relaxation techniques. We train First Responders, Veterans, and Active Military in small group settings to use these simple, easy-to-implement tools to immediately restore nervous system balance, relieve stress and pain, improve job satisfaction and their over-all quality of life.

## Our Vision

We envision a world where First Responders, Veterans, and Active Military have immediate access to natural, body-based tools that reduce stress, relieve pain, and restore resilience—replacing burnout with balance, and inspiring a cultural shift toward self-regulated health, job satisfaction, and long-term well-being. We see our work as being an integral and necessary part of this shift—a purpose that fuels our commitment and keeps us moving forward every day.

## Our Values

At The Comella Foundation, we believe that First Responders, Active Military and Veterans deserve tailored, comprehensive wellness programs that address the unique pressures of their work. Too often, our culture is reactive—waiting until chronic stress, first responder injuries, and mental health issues reach a crisis point before help is offered. We are committed to changing this cycle by focusing on group education and training that equips Police Officers, Firefighters, EMS/EMTs, and Veterans with practical, preventative wellness strategies.

## Our Approach

We deliver group training programs for First Responders: including Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs), Firefighters, EMS/EMTs, Active Military and Veterans that provide both immediate relief & long-term resilience. Our approach blends the wisdom of osteopathic principles with practical tools from movement therapy and breath work that address the full spectrum of challenges faced in frontline service - BEFORE the next emergency happens.

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