

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



Marine Corps Suicide Prevention Program (MCSPP)

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Suicide Prevention Conference
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NCO Suicide Prevention Course

20th Executive Safety Board - November 2008

- 3-Star Operational Commanders, Installations Commanders
Sergeants Major, Non-Commissioned Officers
- Peer leaders in the best position to identify Marines in distress

Drama

Evocative 30 minute movie lead-off

Video Clips

11 documentary (survivors/Marines) and movie clip compilations of to highlight training points

Peers

Sergeant instructors

Personal

Instructor uses personal experience to train

Interactive

Small group discussions (2) and full group discussions (5) to engage audience

Relevant

True to NCO culture and language -- honest and realistic.



NCO Suicide Prevention Course

Validation Process

SME Development (Dec 2008) (Psych/Infantry)

Marine Rewrite Script/Course (20 NCO/Corpsmen)

Sergeants Consult (Marines on movie set daily)

Beta Test (Jun 2009) (200+ NCO/FMF Sailors)

August-September 2009
Simultaneous CONUS/WestPac/OEF/OIF Training
Train-the-Trainers 1,312 certified Sergeant
Instructors.

Nearly 100% of NCOs
trained by 30 Nov 2009

6 Month Longitudinal
Study to Assess
Effectiveness



Targeted Training



MCRD Training



Targeted Information for recruits

Warning Signs

Talking about killing self
Looking for means to kill self
Obsessing on death/dying

Resources

Chain of Command
Chaplain
Medical

Action – R.A.C.E.

Recognize
Ask
Care
Engage

DI School

Matched to Recruit Training

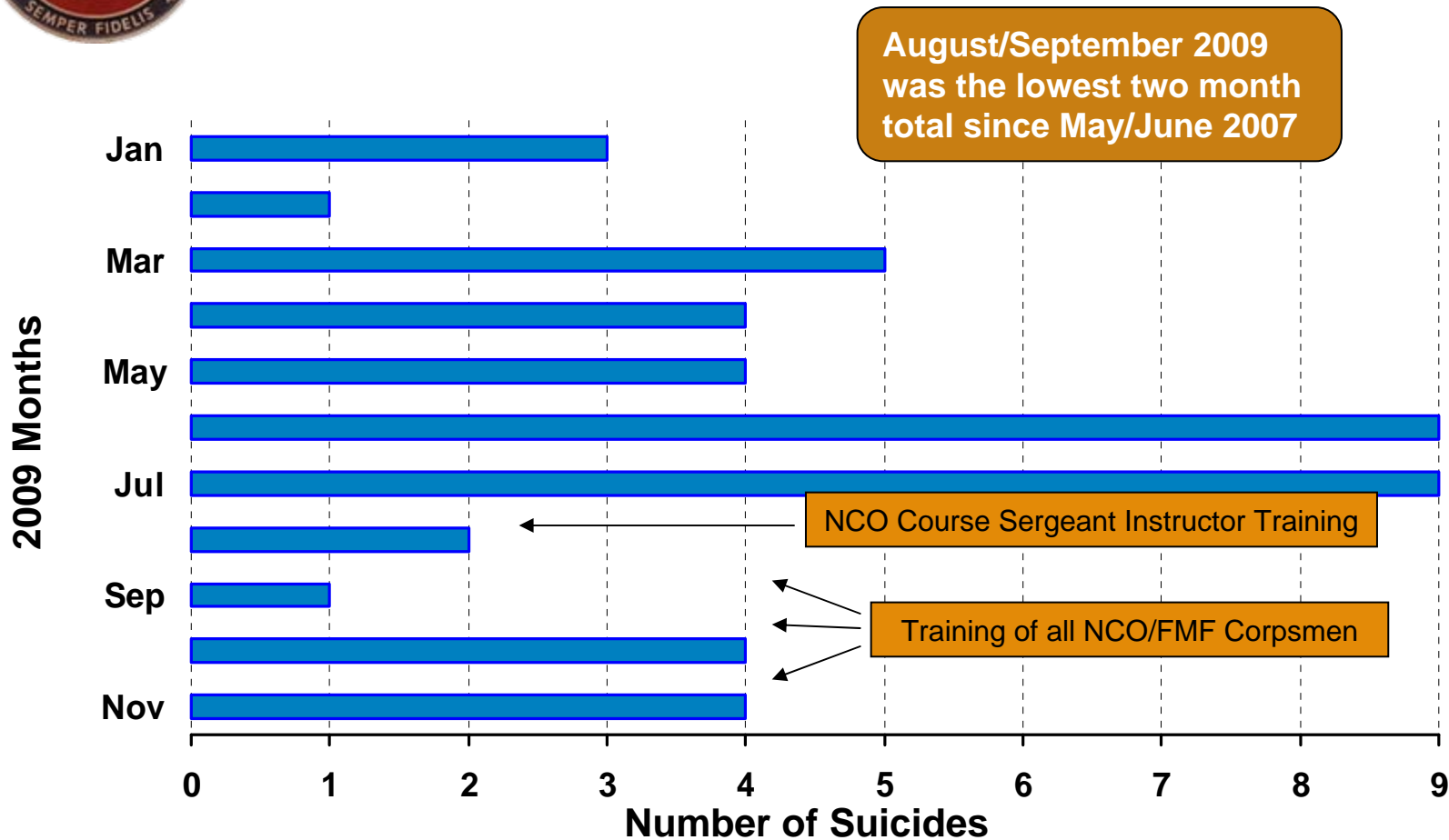
Reality-Based Scenarios

The Basic School

NCO Course materials, Reality-based scenarios



2009 Monthly Suicides



NCO Suicides / Total Suicides	
Jan-Aug	41%
Sep-Nov	22%

NCOs make up 33% of the Corps.

Pvt-LCpl Suicides	
Nov 2009	0
First month since Nov 2008	