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Attention all Military and Veterans, First Responders, Teachers and Paraprofessionals, and anyone else who is concerned about the impact suicide has on families and our communities. The American Legion Post 91 Family in Beebe is continuing our mission to prevent suicide in our veteran and military population along with other groups where we have seen a larger than average suicide rate.

To meet our mission, we have invited instructors from Columbia University to come to Beebe to teach their 90-minute Columbia Protocol-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) to anyone interested in receiving this training. The Columbia Protocol provides suicide risk screening through a series of simple, plain language questions that anyone can ask. Attendees to this training leave prepared to respond when necessary and able to instruct others in this training.

The Columbia Lighthouse Project's mission is to light the way to ending suicide. Their message, like the Columbia Protocol itself, is simple: "Just Ask. You Can Save a Life." Use this link for more information about the Columbia protocol: https://cssrs.columbia.edu/

This free training is being offered in three sessions, each tailored to specific audiences:

October 20th at 1pm in the Beebe Schools Auditorium – **Be There** training For the teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, and students grade 9-12 and college

October 20th at 6pm in the Beebe Schools Auditorium – **Be The One** training For veterans and military along with the general public

October 21st at 8:30am at the Beebe City Hall Community Room – **Be There** training For First Responders

Beebe Schools Auditorium – located at the intersection of Badger Drive and Opportunity Road on the Beebe School Campus

The Beebe City Community Room is located at 321 North Elm Street, Beebe

If you have any questions about these events or how you can provide support, please contact me directly.

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