



Responder Health Lab at Tennessee Tech

Since his undergraduate senior thesis in 2008, Derrick Edwards, assistant professor of psychology, has pursued research to learn more about the unique psychological and physical health challenges experienced by first responders.

The Responder Health Lab was initiated as a result of his clinical research and personal experience.

“The mission of the lab/program is to provide support for those who serve others through high-impact research projects and hands-on departmental assistance,” said Edwards.

Edwards offers services and employs his findings in real time. “With this information and access to resources about cancer risks, cardiac stressors, and mental/emotional exhaustion, we can offer tools in coping, mental wellness, and overall health,” he added.

About Derrick Edwards

- Joined the fire service in 2004;
- Licensed Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT);
- Licensed Professional Counselor and Mental Health Service Provider;
- Ph.D. from Trevecca Nazarene University;
- Master's degree from Tennessee Tech University.

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