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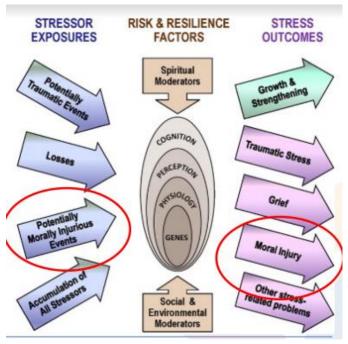
# Compromised Conscience. What do we know, think we know, and need to know about 'Moral Injury in Public Safety Personnel' RESPEC

In this presentation Dr Lorraine Smith MacDonald from the HiMARC Centre, University of Alberta, Dr Liana Lentz, from CIPSRT and Western University and Dr David Malloy from King'—s College, Western University present their scoping review and reference guide on Moral Injury in Public Safety Personnel and share the key insights gained from the study.

To (re)-see this webinar:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8QqEUAUJqs&ab channel=VeteranTransitionandWellbeingWebinarSeries

Not all injuries are traumatic. Though it is important to consider how it may be traumatic.



#### Moral, Ethics, Values

Public safety is a moral enterprise and as a function on that we need to talk about philosophical definitions to understand of exactly what it is that we are dealing with. Moral suffering has its roots in our concern for others and our intentions to bring beneficial outcomes, to relieve the pain and suffering of others, or to rectify an injustice. Simply, we feel moral pain or distress because we are human and have created social connections and are moved by our moral through our values.

## Distress, Harm, and Impairment

What makes an experience potentially morally injurious is this idea that something about this event transgressed in some capacities your morals or values or ethics. This event can also occur where a person is the victim, a passive bystander, or the perpetrator. A large piece of moral injury or the effect of the potentially morally injurious event really seems to be around whether they are able to get the resources to support, to be able to manage, to resolve, and/or to integrate both the morally injurious experience and also their symptomology.

## Future direction and questions

Greater clarity is needed regarding key definitions and operationalization. Exploration of the nuances between how MI is currently understood and how PSP understand their experiences is critical. Research which strongly engages PSP voices is needed to ensure that all relevant aspects of MI are captured. Finally, different PSP groups may need uniquely tailored programming and interventions.



