



## SEAMEN'S CHURCH CHAPLAINS HOST SafeTALK SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING IN PADUCAH

### Event Details

**Date:** Thursday, October 26

**Time:** 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Timeline: 7:40 AM – Gathering for coffee & pastries | 8:00 AM – Hard start | 12:00 PM – Hard end]

**Location:** Seamen's Church Institute (SCI), CME, 129 S. Water St., Paducah, KY 42001

**Cost:** \$45pp (Checks payable to The Seamen's Church Institute, Memo line: SafeTalk Paducah)

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The Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) is pleased to offer a SafeTALK Suicide Prevention Training course on the morning of Thursday, October 26, at the SCI building on 129 S. Water St., Paducah, KY 42001.

SafeTALK is a half-day training program (about 4 hours) designed to raise awareness and equip individuals with the necessary skills to identify and help people who may be having suicidal thoughts.

"For some, a loved one lost to suicide can come out of nowhere—they didn't see or dismissed the signs," said SCI Chaplain David Shirk. "SafeTALK provides the confidence to confront it. To ask the difficult questions and gain essential knowledge and tools that can make a difference in helping those who may be suffering."

Chaplain Shirk went on to note that, "Depression is a concerning issue among mariners, so SafeTalk is a relevant, necessary course for those who work in our industry."

Space is limited. To secure a spot in the SafeTALK training, please contact SCI at 270-575-1005 or Chaplain David Shirk at [dshirk@seamenschuch.org](mailto:dshirk@seamenschuch.org) or call 270.210.5626.

The cost of the training is \$45 per person, payable via checks made out to "The Seamen's Church Institute." Participants are requested to include "SafeTalk Paducah" in the memo line of their checks.

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Since its founding in 1834, the Seamen's Church Institute has grown to become the largest and most comprehensive mariners' service agency in North America. Through its Center for Maritime Education, Center for Mariner Advocacy, Port Newark International Seafarers' Center, and Ministry on the River and Gulf, SCI works diligently to promote safety, dignity, and improved working and living conditions for those serving in the maritime workplace.



*SCI Chaplain, The Rev. David Shirk (right) meets with Deckhand recruits at a training facility in Channelview, Texas.*



*SCI Chaplain David Shirk*

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