

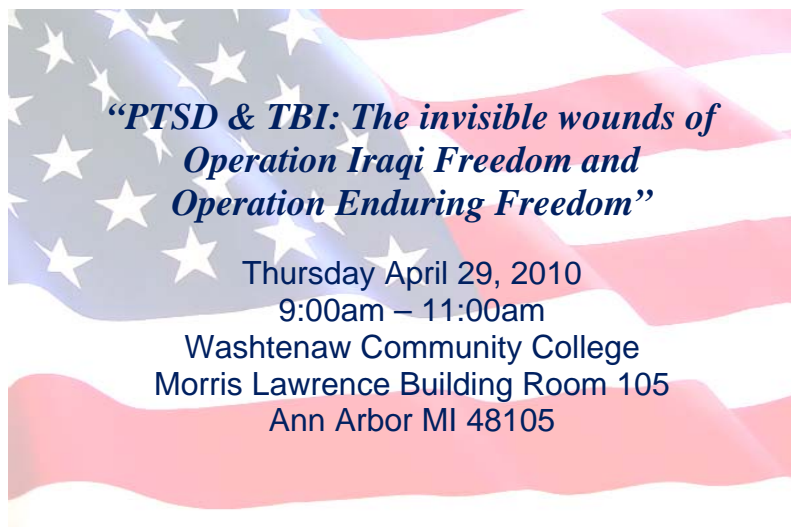
## “PTSD & TBI: The invisible wounds...”

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In the near future, thousands of service men and women are expected to return from Iraq and Afghanistan to civilian life. As many as 320,000 of these veterans are expected to experience difficulty re-adjusting to their civilian role. These difficulties and hardships not only affect the veteran but their families and their community as well. But the only time these issues seem to receive attention is after a violent, often fatal, conflict with law enforcement.

Because of their role as first responders, law enforcement and firefighters are at increased risk of encountering veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). This is expected to become a growing problem for law enforcement and public safety professionals.

***“PTSD & TBI: The invisible wounds of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom”*** is a free, 2 hour presentation sponsored by the American Legion. Developed to help explore the issues and concerns of today’s returning veterans, the program includes a presentation by law enforcement and military veterans along with a discussion and question & answer session. This program is a great starting point for departments as they develop their strategies to address and deal with a growing health and social issue within our communities.



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*This presentation is open to law enforcement, firefighters, first responders, court personnel, and other public service agencies. Although there is no fee to attend the seminar, seating is limited and participants are asked to RSVP by 04/22/10. To reserve seats please call the Public Service Training Section (734) 677-5024 or e-mail [doconnor@wccnet.edu](mailto:doconnor@wccnet.edu).*