Positional Asphyxia an In Custody Death Phenomenon

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EMS responders often are asked to evaluate a suspect in custody. This session will discuss the complex circumstances which result when physiology, drugs, alcohol and law enforcement converge with regards to the recognition, assessment, and management / treatment of positional asphyxia / excited delirium.

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After attending this presentation, the learner will be able to:

   i. Understand the complexities of Positional Asphyxia as it relates to in custody death.
   ii. Recognize and list the warning signs of excited delirium
   iii. Understand that Law Enforcement techniques and tools are not solely complicit in an in custody death

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