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Banyan Treatment Center partners with Peak 1 Wellness: Florida locations now certified in providing tailored treatment services to first responders.

(10/10/2018, Pompano Beach, FL): Banyan Treatment Center recognizes the key role of first responders in our country, and knows that many workers encounter great pressure while on the job. High levels of stress combined with traumatic events can often result in addiction and issues with mental health for employees. PTSD, depression, anxiety, and substance abuse are just some of the struggles they may face. First responders find themselves in situations that are entirely unique to their line of work, and issues that arise as a result must be treated accordingly. Banyan has now partnered with Peak 1 Wellness, a company that provides behavioral and medical health solutions specifically to first responders and their families, in order to best meet the needs of this demographic.

Peak 1 Wellness provides a certification program for addiction and mental health treatment facilities, designating those who are effectively trained and have shown a level of excellence in treating first responders for substance abuse and mental health disorders. Banyan is one of the first organizations to participate in the Peak 1 program, and is the only network of facilities in the state of Florida to hold such certification. Currently, the Banyan locations in Pompano Beach, Boca Raton, and Stuart, Florida have met the standards to qualify; only select number of organizations nationwide will receive the certification. Each Banyan location participating in the program will have Certified Clinical Trauma Professionals on staff, with therapists who are trained and certified in either EMDR or Rapid Resolution Therapy (RRT).

“We are proud to partner with an organization that has both integrity and heart, as Peak 1 has verified that we meet their highest level of standards,” said Eric Oakes, chief operating officer at Banyan Treatment Center, “With our skills and resources, and their teaching and reach, we will be able to connect with so many individuals who would otherwise be without access to the help they need.”

Banyan Treatment Center stands as an industry leader in providing addiction and mental health treatment services to adult men and women, and is honored to now offer treatment planning that is tailored to the needs of first responders. Patients will have access to Banyan’s full continuum of care, which ranges from medically monitored detox to outpatient services.

“The biggest issue we have found in why more first responders don’t get help is that most first responders either don’t know where to look or don’t know who to trust,” said Chelsea Davenport, chief executive officer of Peak 1 Wellness, “We are excited to bring this training to our affiliates.”

Peak 1 has partnered with Sean Riley at Safe Call Now, which is a confidential, 24-hour referral service for all public safety and emergency services personnel, along with advisory board members Jay Dobyms, Chris Fields, and Kaitlin Walden for this new initiative.