

## IDENTIFYING AND SURVIVING HIDDEN WEAPONS

This tuition-free eight-hour course designed to identify concealment areas in household items, internet purchased items, altered devices, and specially designed armaments all made with criminal intent to conceal dangerous weapons. The class will discuss where and how criminals and gang members obtain items that can conceal dangerous weapons, demonstrate methodical search techniques to uncover all manner of concealed items containing dangerous weapons, and emphasize refocusing officer safety skills and using tactical advantage procedures. This course is highly interactive with several live demonstrations showing proactive officer safety and search techniques. Real-life videos of officer safety "winnable" situations and learning points will engage student interaction as a very powerful learning tool. Numerous depictions are shown and discussed related to hundreds of different types of concealed dangerous weapons.

### Course topics include:

- How criminals obtain and conceal weapons
- Search techniques
- Spotting a hidden weapon
- Concealment methods
- Violent Encounters Study (FBI)
- Seriousness of focus / Routine is the enemy
- Modern officer safety techniques
- 10 Deadly Sins of Law Enforcement

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Instructor Steve Johnson currently serves as Chief of Police for the city of Swansea, IL. He retired from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department after 25 years of service during which he supervised the Criminal Investigation Section, the Drug Tactical Unit, Street Crimes Unit, Special Response Team (SWAT), Warrant Section, Evidence Section, DEA and Auto Theft Taskforce Agents, and Courthouse Security. He spent the last 14 years as the Supervising Investigator specializing in Violent Felonies and Computer-Based Crimes and as a Supervisor of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis. Steve has been the on-scene Tactical and Administrative Commander in scenarios including barricaded murder suspects, hostages, suicide by cop, jail disturbances, and large civilian protests. He also excelled as a Drug Interdiction Officer and in undercover assignments. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the FBI's prestigious National Academy (224th Session) and graduated from the 200 hour Police Training Board certified course on Command Leadership. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University and a Master of Arts Degree in Computer Resources and Information Management Specializing in Personnel Management. Chief Johnson is the creator of the course "Surviving Hidden Weapons" which he instructs through the Department of Homeland Security's FLETC-SLETS. Chief Johnson also teaches courses in Responding to Active Shooters, Basic and Master Level Instructor Development, Leadership and Management, Field Tactics, Tactical Planning, Workplace and School Violence, Threat Assessment and Safety Planning.

Register at: <https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/27978>

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