TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFRONTATIONAL AVOIDANCE TECHNIQUES TRAINING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 0800-1700

The United States Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Florida and the Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College are pleased to announce that the Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program will conduct a one day class on Confrontational Avoidance Techniques Training. The training is being held at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center. There are no fees or costs to attend the training.

This tuition-free eight-hour course is designed and developed exclusively for any staff member who has to deal with potential hostile conditions in the course of their employment. This updated and proven field & facility instructor level program has been taught nationally since 1992 with an overall 60% reduction in de-escalating use of force. Training focuses on avoidance of verbal and physical confrontations when dealing with irate, irrational, and hostile subjects where lawful staff member intervention is required. Developed within Federal parameters of verbal de-escalation skills, the course also addresses the proper lawful parameters of potential use of force if the staff member is physically assaulted by a subject. The program follows escalation & de-escalation of force based on the highly acclaimed, court proven “TJA Ladder of Force Continuum©.” This continuum has been recognized as a standard for juries in Federal Court cases since 1986 in better understanding lawful use of force actions by officials in the course of their employment.

Topics Covered in the Training Include:
- Confrontational Avoidance Techniques©; understanding the four types of anger (the basis of violence), key verbal de-escalation techniques, and body space parameters.
- Field proven conversation techniques when handling confrontational and hostile subjects and groups.
- To develop and understand key knowledge principles for a lawful and defendable written report based on the nationally acclaimed TJA Ladder of Force© Continuum.
- Proper and judicious escalation of use of force based on Federal parameters is thoroughly discussed base on a national geographic use of force issues and court cases.
- Proper verbal handling various racial, religious and protesting groups in public or correctional venues when responding to potential hostile conditions.

When and Where:
The training event will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 hosted by the Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center, 3200 – 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711, room 221, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dress is business casual.

For questions or additional information, please contact St. Petersburg College PSN Training Coordinator Gail Walker at 727-344-8020 or by e-mail at walker.gail@spcollege.edu.

To register please visit the RCPI website: http://cop.spcollege.edu/cop/Registration.htm or link to: http://cpsireg.spcollege.edu/og_register.aspx?20200.
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Instructor:
Thomas J. Archambault is the President and Chief Instructor of TJA Use of Force Training, Inc., based in Cape Coral, Florida. He has had 32 years national & international experience training specifically in use of force, non-lethal training, and less lethal technologies for law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, major corporations, and the U.S. Military. He has trained and certified more than 17,000 staff world-wide in his various Use of Force training certification programs and dedicated his career to the safe and judicious handling of violent subjects. Tom is the inventor of the Emergency Response Belt (ERB) a tough cloth control & restraint device in use for 25 years. He is one of the few national instructors in history to testify before the U.S. Congress successfully defending the FBI in the use of chemical munitions at Waco, Texas. Tom travels the U.S. training in his certification courses to enhance professionalism for law enforcement and other professions.

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