

WASHINGTON STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

Professional Development Series

CRITICAL INCIDENT LEADERSHIP

Course Description

This Track IV course develops and improves a student's critical decision-making skills. In other words, this course teaches students how to think in chaos, developing students' abilities to apply specific proven principles, many of which were outlined by legendary SWAT commander Sid Heal in his books Sound Doctrine and Field Command. Students apply the principles learned to actual critical incident scenarios through realistic decision-making exercises, and are provided a framework to manage any critical incident prior to the arrival of SWAT or additional resources. Students learn the skills and principles to effectively navigate the types of incidents they may encounter in their careers. Law enforcement's role in mitigating the risks to the public and officers, as well as appropriate confrontation of suspects and subjects, will be explored. The principles taught in the course are consistent with widely accepted national best practices for de-escalation and management of critical incidents.

Target Audience

Designed for cops and dispatchers. Peace officers and dispatchers of all ranks, tenure, and assignment are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Career Level Certification (24 Hours)

Completion of this course counts towards elective hour requirements for Career Level Certification and annual 24-hour training requirements for Washington State law enforcement and corrections personnel.

Host Agency

Mason County Sheriff's Office



Training Location

Mason County Public Works 100 W. Public Works Dr. Shelton, WA, 98584

Dates

Wednesday, April 3rd - Friday, April 5th, 2024

Time

Tuition

0800 - 1700

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