

Police Training Solutions

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Use of Force Instructor

Hosted by the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office

Use of force is still the biggest exposure law enforcement professionals face in today's world. Yet most "use of force training" is skill based and done from silos of expertise and is divorced from the realities of the legal environment we work in. Often one instructor teaches the hands-on tactics, another teaches firearms and yet another group teaches tactics. You must be able to build a training program to bring it all together. It is inherent that police trainers understand the current standards (practices) for using force, teaching force, and critically analyzing force incidents. Take a pro-active approach; arm yourself with the knowledge and tools to be the tip of the spear on force training and critical analysis of force.

This is a high-level course where you will be expected to challenge yourself and your fellow students to take your knowledge and performance to the next level. This course will require some work to be done before attending the course. Do not come to this course if you do not want to take your skills and abilities on police use of force to a higher level. Students will design legally sufficient training modules on use force. You will be required to pass a written test, analyze a use of force case and present in a group setting.

Course Highlights

- Current Use of Force Standards: Federal and State Law
- Force Decision Making and How to Train Decision Making
- Critical Analysis of Force for your Agency
- Teaching Use of Force Effectively
- Developing Internal Agency Expertise on Police Use of Force
- Lesson Plan and Curriculum Design
- Limiting Police Liability

Course Instructors

Tom Ovens is an experienced trainer, police officer and use of force expert whose agency worked under the most current national best practices established for police. Tom was a Police Sergeant for over a decade with a mid-size and large agency. He has over 22 years of experience testifying in court and consulting as an expert witness at the federal and state level on use of force and police practices (over two hundred cases). Tom is a nationally recognized expert on use of force including presenting at the Force Science conference.

Jeff Paynter has more than 28 years in law enforcement working at large and mid-size agencies. His assignments include patrol, criminal investigations, SWAT, and three years with the South Sound Gang Task Force. He is an experienced instructor in multiple use of force disciplines. Sgt. Paynter was a full-time instructor at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy from 2013 to 2016. Sgt. Paynter has consulted on more than thirty civil lawsuits involving police use of force and tactics.

Course details:

Duration: 40 hours – 5 consecutive days

Dates: January 29th to February 2024.

Location: 901 E 7th Avenue, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Audience: Trainers

Tuition: \$1,250. No shows without proper notice will be billed for the full tuition cost.

Scholarships: [Washington Cities Insurance Authority](#) (WCIA) and [Washington Counties Risk Pool](#) (WCRP) will pay one spot for member agencies by paying Police Training Solutions directly. Students must complete training to avoid having to repay either the WCIA or WCRP for the paid seat. There are limited scholarships available, so register early.

Register by contacting Mr. Ovens at Tom@policetrainingsolutions.com or visit www.policetrainingsolutions.com