

**Course Title: Full Spectrum Team Tactics:
Communication to Control - Dealing with Aggressive Individuals**

Instructor: Ellis Amdur and Sgt Don Gulla (retired)

Dates: Dec 1 Thurs Dec 2, Fri
Dec 8 Thurs Dec 9, Fri
Dec 16 Fri Dec 17, Saturday

Class Length: 1 Day

Hours: 0800-1700

Locations: Suquamish Police Training
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Cost: Free (Grant Funded by Suquamish Police)

Equipment Needs: Duty Belt – Secure Live Weapons/Tasers before class.

Officers have limited time in which to **establish a communication mode that minimizes risk of violence**. Agitated individuals can often be directed away from violence by specific communication skills. Verbal de-escalation techniques are geared to ‘set up’ those being contained so that physical control techniques are enhanced, if they become necessary. When the public is witness to successful verbal de-escalation, they better understand and respect the challenges facing officers, and this contributes to future officer safety.

This class will focus on building **Team Tactics** using a **Full Spectrum Force Options Model**. Most training focuses on specific techniques from different instructors including CIT, De-escalation, Defensive Tactics, Taser, Firearms and Patrol Procedures. However, valuable these may be, when techniques are taught in disconnected, separate modules, they may fail when officers attempt them during a dynamic situation on the street.

Training for situations using **concepts and principles allows a single officer to keep the scene safe long enough use Team Tactics**. **Getting agencies on the same page** when responding to incidents in bordering jurisdictions **increase communication and control** thereby **enhancing officer/suspect safety**. Most newsworthy events start as low level contacts, that quickly move to a high-level event. Improving one’s ability to remain calm and confident will allow the officer to quickly flow to higher level of force if needed. Officers will be exposed to different situations (for example, Suicide by Cop or Excited Delirium) to practice team tactics with instructors providing coaching when needed.

NOTE: Kitsap County L.E. Agencies will have priority in registration until Nov 1, when the courses become open to all Washington Law Enforcement agencies.

