



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

To: Connecticut Superintendents of Schools
Connecticut Boards of Education

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Subject: **Armed & Unarmed School Security Training (Make-up Session)**

TUITION: \$75.00

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council's Field Services Training Division, is offering a one-day training seminar titled "Armed & Unarmed School Security Training." The training session is scheduled for **Friday, November 18, 2022, at the Connecticut Police Academy, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT.** Course hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

THIS IS A MAKE-UP SESSION FOR THOSE THAT COULD NOT ATTEND THE AUGUST SESSION OR THOSE HIRED AFTER THE AUGUST SESSION OF THIS COURSE.

This seminar is required under Public Act 13-188. This Act requires that armed security personnel in a public school, other than a sworn member of an organized local police department, be a qualified, retired in good standing, law enforcement officer certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, or the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Such personnel will receive annual training.

This seminar is required under CGS Section 7-294x, titled "*Council to provide training to public school security personnel,*" which stipulates the following:

"The Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) established under section 7-294x of the general statutes shall provide training to security personnel employed in the public schools by a local or regional board of education. Such training shall include drug detection and gang identification."

All currently employed armed school security personnel are required to attend this training.

Each respective Board of Education/Municipality will be billed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection at the conclusion of this training.

Topics to be covered are:

- Gangs: The definition of gangs, gang lifestyle, structured and non-structured gangs, social media sites, crimes committed by gangs, language/terms, firearms, facsimile firearms, and information sharing. Instructed by Captain Daniel Papoosha – Connecticut Department of Corrections (DOC)
- Drugs: Overview of commonly abused illicit and licit substances, depressants, stimulants, designer drugs, hallucinogens-designer drugs, and anabolic steroids. Instructed by Agent Gina Abdelghany – Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection (DCP)
- Basics of School Security, Prevention of Sexual Harassment & Misconduct, Mandated Reporting: Instructed by Joey Barbera – Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA)
- Communicating Successfully with Youth: Instructed by Sergeant Kate Cummings – Connecticut State Police (CSP)

Enrollment for this seminar is unlimited and no confirmations of registration will be sent. Please complete a registration form from the web, and be sure to include the billing information, and email it to William Tanner at William.Tanner@ct.gov no later than Friday, November 4, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact the Field Services Division at 203-427-2625. Lunch may be purchased at nearby restaurants. Professional, business attire required.

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