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

To: Connecticut Chiefs of Police
                  Connecticut Police Training Officers
                  Connecticut State Police Resident Troopers
                  Connecticut State Police Training Academy

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Date: February 28, 2023

Subject: **Crowd Control & Management – Protecting First Amendment Rights**

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 (1) day, training seminar on **"Crowd Control & Management – Protecting First Amendment Rights."** This training session is scheduled for **Friday, May 19, 2023,** from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Connecticut Police Academy, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT. The seminar will be presented by Eric Daigle of the Daigle Law Group.

The purpose of this training to establish guidelines for managing crowds and preserving the peace during demonstrations and civil disturbances. Police departments across the country have been focused on the increasing response to protests identified by the Occupy movement. These protests and flash mob gatherings have shown that departments are not properly prepared through training, policy, and operations. The lessons learned 30 years ago from protests have been forgotten, policies have not been updated and equipment has not been maintained. Tactical teams are called to address these situations without proper training, standards and application leading to media publicity and legal liability. How law enforcement officers deal with crowds in civil actions, whether in demonstrations or civil disturbances, has direct bearing on their ability to prevent property damage, injury, or loss of life and minimize disruption to persons who are uninvolved. Officers confronting civil disturbances, and those called upon to assist in these incidents, shall follow the procedures as enumerated in policy to protect life, property, and First Amendment Rights.

The class is limited to forty (40) attendees. Please complete a registration form from the web and email it to Bill Tanner at William.tanner@ct.gov n**o later than close of business, Friday, April 28, 2023.** If you have any questions, please contact the Field Services Division at 203-427-2625.

Students successfully completing the course will receive Review Training Credit in the following area:

- Area 200   Police and the Law   (6.5 hours)

Lunch may be purchased at nearby restaurants. Professional, business attire required.

Training Officers: Please be sure to include your department email address and the **email AND POST ID of the student to be enrolled** on all applications to assure prompt communications of all in-service training matters.

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