



**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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Subject: **Tactical Operations Liability – Legal, Policy, and Operations**

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 "**Tactical Operations Liability – Legal, Policy, and Operations.**" This training session is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 23, 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.

One of the most critical tasks in law enforcement involves the use of tactical officers to accomplish high risk operations. While the success of these operations requires extensive training and proper equipment; success also requires sound decision making from the moment the decision is made to utilize a tactical response to a police event. The decision itself may even be scrutinized by the media and litigation after the fact. Over the last decade, tactical operations have come under the scrutiny of the courts. The scrutiny is largely the result of lawsuits filed against agencies and officers following a tactical operation. Much of the developing law can be found in reported decisions of the federal courts. The course utilizes the case-study approach in order to identify the important policy and practice considerations that will assist tactical commanders; supervisors and officers make legally defensible decisions without compromising operations during tactical events.

The program takes a three-tier approach. First, participants will be presented with the legal cases that impact tactical operations and ultimately, liability. Second, participants will be presented with policy issues that may be considered for implementation. Finally, the training turns toward the practical implementation of the legal and policy issues in a manner that does not compromise tactical operations or officer safety. The course is unique in that it takes a practical approach to legal principles impacting tactical operations and provides a road map to an operational implementation of the legal principles without hindering operations or compromising officer safety.

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](mailto:William.tanner@ct.gov) **no later than close of business, Tuesday, May 2, 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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