



**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: **Use of Force Investigations - Ensuring Effective and Constitutional Policing**

Tuition: **\$200.00**

**COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council's Field Services Training Division, is offering a two-day (2) training seminar titled "**Use of Force Investigations - Ensuring Effective and Constitutional Policing.**" The training session is scheduled for **Monday, June 12, 2023, to Tuesday, June 13, 2023**, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Connecticut Police Academy, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT. The course will be presented by Eric Daigle of the Daigle Law Group.

This two-day seminar is designed for all levels of law enforcement supervisors and investigators from Sergeant to Chief. The seminar will focus on investigating Use-of-Force standards under proper Use-of-Force policy, federal Constitutional law, and common police practices.

The Use-of-Force civil liability portion of the seminar reviews the federal standards of 42 USC Section 1983 litigation against law enforcement officers, command staff, and municipalities. The training also focuses on the analysis of standards applicable to supervising and conducting Use-of-Force investigations. This training reviews and discusses the legal standards applicable to Section 1983 actions to include Fourth Amendment violations and practices under 42 USC Section 14141.

The training will include a review of investigating force operations and policy standards to include:

- Responsibility for investigating Use-of-Force incidents
- Detailed review of force levels
- Instruction and response to each applicable level of force
- Supervisory responsibilities including required response

Also covered is how to develop a reportable Use-of-Force form, how officers should complete the form and what supervisors should be looking for on review. Through lecture, video instruction, and table-top exercises, attendees will learn the importance of drafting Use-of-Force reports under the proper constitutional and case law standards. Each element of proper force investigation will be analyzed.

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, Monday, May 22, 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 areas:

- Area 200 Police and the Law (13 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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