



**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: **De-Escalation Principles and Practice Training**

Tuition: **No Cost**

### **COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council's Field Services Training Division, in cooperation with the Center for Advanced Policing (CAP) at the University of New Haven (UNH), is offering a two-day training seminar titled "**De-Escalation Principles and Practice Training.**" Instruction will be provided by trainers from the Center for Advanced Policing. This course is scheduled for **Monday, April 1, 2024, through Tuesday, April 2, 2024**, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Connecticut Police Academy, located at 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT.

Reducing the unnecessary or avoidable use of force is a significant challenge facing policing today. Policing's legitimacy is challenged when community members cannot trust the police. This issue has profound effects on the public's willingness to cooperate with the police, comply with their directives peacefully, and obey the law. The challenge to the policing profession is to ensure that the de-escalation training is efficient, effective, and useful in the field.

The training provided includes a proprietary de-escalation program offered in two modalities, in-person to officers and in-person to train-the-trainers. The training, which incorporates DISC Esoterica®, builds on situational awareness, body language and appropriate approaches and distancing based upon active and passive threats. The training includes verbal judo and procedural justice-based de-escalation and crisis intervention by incorporating rapid personality and threat assessment tools to the officer. The National De-escalation Training Center and its regional centers are the only providers in the country that delivers IADLEST certified level three

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de-escalation training, which is also approved by the Department of Justice. The training incorporates several actual scenarios that officers will partake in throughout the training.

The training will cover the following topics over two days:

- The subject and the threat environment
- De-escalation fundamentals using procedural justice as a foundation
- Trauma informed policing and crisis intervention
- Integrating personality assessment with de-escalation
- Body language and rapid personality identification
- Active and passive threat stages and safe distancing

The class is limited to twenty (20) attendees. Please complete a registration form for each attendee from the web and email it to William Tanner at [william.tanner@ct.gov](mailto:william.tanner@ct.gov) **no later than close of business, Monday, March 11, 2024**. 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(s):

- Area 312      De-Escalation      (13 hours)

**There is no tuition for this course.** Lunch may be purchased at local restaurants. The uniform Dress Code for POST In-Service training (General Notice 23-02) will be in effect. We ask that all training supervisors inform assigned personnel that they are required to dress accordingly.

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

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