



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING

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To: Connecticut Chiefs of Police
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Date: April 24, 2024

Subject: Armed School Security Training (Civilian personnel) Statutory Mandate
**This training is not for sworn officers even if assigned as an SRO.
(No POST credits available).**

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 School Security Training"** for all currently employed armed school security personnel. This training is scheduled for **Monday, August 26, 2024**, at the Connecticut Police Academy, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, 06450. Course hours will be from **8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

Connecticut General Statute (CGS) 10-244a states that "A municipality or a local or regional board of education may employ or enter into an agreement with a retired police officer to provide security services in a public school if such retired police officer is a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in 18 USC 926C, as amended from time to time." This training satisfies the requirement under CGS 7-294x which states "The Police Officer Standards and Training Council established under section 7-294b 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."

Each respective entity identified on the registration form's "Bill to" section will be invoiced by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) after the training. When invoiced, **checks should be made payable to "State of CT, Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)" and mailed to DESPP Accounts Payable at 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, CT 06457. DO NOT MAKE CHECKS OUT TO OR SEND CHECKS TO THE POLICE ACADEMY, THEY WILL BE RETURNED.**

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Topics to be covered:

- **Drugs:** Adult Use Cannabis (AUC). Specifically, the new AUC stores/vape shops and what products are out there, along with the packaging. Instructed by Agent Gina Abdelghany – Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection (DCP).
- **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).
- **Incident Command System (ICS) in Schools:** This 2-hour program will provide participants with an overview of the Incident Command System and how it can be used in Connecticut schools. This is meant as a review for those who have taken other ICS courses or an introduction for those unfamiliar with ICS. It will also cover several resources available to school systems. Instructed by Mr. Michael Paradis – CT Division of Emergency Management.
- **Threat Evaluation and Reporting Overview (TERO):** A three-hour introductory training focusing on a behavioral approach to violence prevention. The TERO raises awareness about the risk factors, triggers and stressors, and warning behaviors that could impact a person's decision to commit an act of targeted violence. Further, it outlines the mitigating factors that could help prevent acts of targeted violence, while emphasizing the importance of community involvement in seeking help for individuals, and respecting their privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. Instructed by Mr. Michael Paradis – CT Division of Emergency Management.

Enrollment for this seminar is unlimited and no confirmation will be sent. Please complete a registration form attached to this announcement for each attendee and email it to Bill Tanner at william.tanner@ct.gov no later than close of business Friday, August 9, 2024.

Please be sure to include your employee's email address and complete billing information on all applications. If you have any questions, please contact the Field Services Training Division at 203-427-2625.

Lunch may be purchased at nearby restaurants. **Dress code for this training is professional/casual business attire or uniform of the day.**

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