



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

To: Chiefs of Police
Agency Training Officers
Resident Troopers
CSP Training Academy

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Subject: **Basic Survival Spanish for Law Enforcement
Spanish Language and Culture Training**

Tuition: **Free**

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council's Field Services Training Division, is offering a five-day training seminar titled ***“Basic Survival Spanish for Law Enforcement: Spanish Language and Culture Training.”*** This course is scheduled for **Monday, March 31, 2025**, through **Friday, April 4, 2025**, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Connecticut Police Academy, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT. The instructor for this course will be Deputy Chief Magdalena Silver, PhD. of the University of Connecticut (UCONN) Police Department. This class has been specifically developed for Connecticut Police Officers.

This course is intense language and cultural training for police. The instruction is entirely job specific and assumes NO previous knowledge of Spanish. The class requires the full participation of every student. The course concentrates on spoken Spanish with continuous drilling and repetition.

The goal of this course is to enable students to gather information, ask informal and formal questions of a Spanish speaker, arrest and control a dangerous contact, be aware when a risk arises to the officer's safety, and to be culturally aware of the intrinsic behavior characteristics of a Latino.

The instructional objectives are:

- Understand the basics of Hispanic culture & ethnicities
- Understand some slang and “Spanglish”
- Basic sounds of the alphabet
- Use of personal pronouns
- Phrases for gathering information
- Verbal commands and simple interviewing
- Key phrases for officer safety
- Asking short questions
- Identifying alert words

The class is strictly 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 **no later than close of business Monday, March 10, 2025.** If you have any questions, please contact the Field Services Training Division at 203-427-2625.

POST Dress Code as outlined in General Notice 23-02 is in effect for this class.

Students successfully completing this course will receive Review Training Credit in the following area(s):

- Area 300 Practical Skills (14 Hours)
- Area 400 Human Relations (12 hours)
- Area 600 Patrol Procedures (6 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 90-03) 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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