Patrol Isolation & De-Escalation Instructor Course

This four-day, 32-hour course is designed to certify instructors to conduct Patrol Isolation & De-Escalation end user training for agency patrol officers. The focus of this program is to provide students with techniques, tactics, suggested equipment and tools for isolating subjects and de-escalating critical incidents –specifically those that DO NOT involve suspects with firearms. The course will provide department instructors with knowledge, experience, specialized skills, scenarios and an equipment list they will need to conduct patrol isolation & de-escalation end user training.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The ITOA 4-day Patrol Isolation & De-Escalation Instructor Course will thoroughly dissect the complex concept of isolation & de-escalation and the many elements in determining its feasibility or effectiveness in a variety of encounter types. The need to determine to what extent using isolation & de-escalation techniques is feasible in specific high-pressure and rapidly unfolding encounters is the premier Law Enforcement challenge of our time.

Participants in this course will review and practice CIT verbal techniques, learn and utilize the ICAT Critical Decision-Making Model, learn concepts and methods that support isolation & de-escalation efforts when personal connections can be made between officers and subjects.

In situations when the subjects are non-compliant, or an immediate risk to themselves or others, realistic intervention tactics, techniques and equipment will be provided in an escalating escalation of force models.

Law Enforcement has worked diligently integrating CIT type training & verbal skill sets within the patrol ranks. Isolation and de-escalation tactics compliment CIT verbal skills with techniques, tactics and equipment that assist in containing subjects who are the focus of the police activity.

When it becomes necessary to apply less lethal tactics to detain and/or place the subject into custody, the course provides a multitude of skill sets and equipment that can be utilized to accomplish this mission with a focus on de-escalation and limit use of force options.

COURSE GOALS: The goal of this program is to equip police patrol trainers with the knowledge, tactics, techniques and methodology to teach Isolation and De-Escalation. When departments incorporate isolation and de-escalation into their response protocols, there exists the possibility to many times solve unique police problems with less reliance on elevated use of force options.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: Recognizing that Scenario-Based Training Instructor & Safety Officers will be the subject matter experts at their department, the prerequisite standards for admission into this program must reflect the significance of the position. The individuals selected for this program should be well-established instructors with a broad spectrum of instructor experience, reflecting the importance of this position.

Attendees to this class should be:

1. An instructor within their own agency, with a strong pedigree of instruction experience and numerous instructor areas of knowledge, which should include areas such as firearms, patrol tactics, use of force, active threat response, emergency medical, Taser & 12 gauge less lethal

2. End User (preferably Instructor) Training essential to attend this course in the following areas are:

- Use of Force
- Tactical Pistol / Rifle
- Handheld Ballistic Shield
- Emergency Medical Intervention
- Extended Range Kinetic Energy Impact Munitions & Delivery Systems
- Taser
- CIT

NOTE: Officers with the ITOA Tactical Patrol Officer (TPO), Master TPO and/or the Illinois Active Threat Master Instructor designations meet all the requirements to attend this course.

Please have copies of the above training certificates (or proof of TPO/Master Instructor designation) on hand to upload during the registration process. These documents are required to be confirmed for the class.

Student Required Equipment:

- Patrol Ballistic Patrol Vest
- Glock 17T or Converted marking round capable training pistol
- Patrol Rifle w/Sling, Light & Chamber Blocking Device.
- Patrol Rifle Drop in Bolt Conversion, or a dedicated marking round converted rifle
- Protective Impact Resistant Wrap-Around Safety Glasses
- Handheld Ballistic Shield – If Available
- 12 Gauge LL Shotgun – If Available
- 37mm and/or 40mm LL Delivery system if your department patrol division issues them
- Training Taser with a training cartridge– if your department has one
- Water / Sport Drinks to Maintain Hydration
- 50 Marking Pistol Training Rounds.
- 50 Marking Rifle Training Rounds.
- Door Tie Off Equipment – if your department has some

LUNCH: Due to the complexities of the safety protocols and logistics – lunch each day will be on-site. Students will be responsible for bringing their own lunches each day.

The course requires every attendee to be equipped with a converted patrol rifle and pistol that shoot marking cartridges. A limited supply of converted pistols and AR15 drop in bolts will be available for those that do not have their own converted weapons. Officers are required to have converted weapons and supply their own marking ammunition. Officers must have a minimum of 50 rifle marking rounds and 50 pistol rounds (any color).