The United States Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Florida and the Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College are pleased to announce that the Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program will conduct an 8-hour class on Dynamics of Officer / Citizen Encounters. The training will be held at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center. There are no fees or costs to attend the training.

This tuition-free 8-hour course is designed for law enforcement personnel and will be beneficial for detectives, agents, patrol officers, supervisors, and any other officers interested in proactive policing. Police interactions with citizens are in the national spotlight. What previously wouldn’t have made the local paper, now makes national news and the presence of video during these interactions has become the norm, not the exception. Officers need the tools to effectively engage citizens in a professional manner without compromising their own safety in the process. That’s what Dynamics of Police / Citizen Encounters is all about. In an era of intense public scrutiny of law enforcement, organizations are re-examining how officers interact with the public. This course provides evidence-based methods of simultaneously enhancing public relations while increasing officer safety. This course is founded upon the principle of transforming good officers into great ones.

Through the use of case study, interactive discussion, and video, officers will learn to:

- Increase officer safety and effectiveness by identifying what is meant by “Unleashing the Power of Unconditional Respect”.
- Examine current legal principles affecting all officer/citizen contacts.
- Detect anomalies from baseline behaviors that indicate potential threats.
- Identify characteristics of armed individuals utilizing enhanced visual assessment.
- Identify solutions to common stop challenges such as “open-carry” advocates, sovereign citizens, refusal to identify, videotaping of enforcement actions, and more.
- Define the Guardian Mindset and understand what it is and what it isn’t while recognizing that both Guardian and Warrior Mindset must both be constantly in play.

When and Where:
The training event will be held April 13, 2017 at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center, 3200 – 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711, room 103, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dress is business casual or uniform.

To register please visit the RCPI website: [http://cop.spcollege.edu/cop/Registration.htm](http://cop.spcollege.edu/cop/Registration.htm) or link to: [http://web.spcollege.edu/survey/23163](http://web.spcollege.edu/survey/23163). For questions or additional information, please contact St. Petersburg College PSN Training Coordinator Gail Walker at 727-344-8020 or by e-mail at walker.gail@spcollege.edu.
TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

DYNAMICS OF OFFICER / CITIZEN ENCOUNTERS
April 13, 2017 0800-1700

Instructor:
John Bostain is the co-owner and a lead instructor for Command Presence Training Associates. John has committed the last 21 years to law enforcement, 19 of which have been as a law enforcement trainer. He has presented nationally and internationally on contemporary law enforcement topics such as use of force, human performance factors, evidence based training, and instructor development. He’s certified as a Force Analyst by the Force Science Institute (FSI) and holds a B.S.Ed. in Adult Education from Valdosta State University.

John began his career with the Hampton Police Division (HPD) in Hampton, Virginia where he served as a Uniformed Patrol Officer, Narcotics Investigator, Academy Instructor, Detective, and Patrol Supervisor. He served on the departmental S.W.A.T. Team, Bike Patrol Unit, and was the Advisor for the Law Enforcement Exploring Program. After leaving HPD in 2001, John spent 13 years at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glymco, GA serving as an Instructor and Senior Instructor for Defensive Tactics, Patrol Procedures, Use of Force, and Training Management.

In 2012, he became the recipient of the prestigious Trainer of the Year Award as selected by Law Officer Magazine. John has presented Executive Level training to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Sheriff’s Association (NSA), the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), and Chief’s and Sheriff’s Associations in various states throughout the country. He is an Advisory Board Member for the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA) and a Member of the Board of Directors for the International Public Safety Association (IPSA). He is also a member of The International Managers of Police Academy and College Training (IMPACT) section of the IACP.

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