**Tactical Community Policing for Homeland Security**

Too often, shattering images of tragic events, violent attacks and bombings are what many think of when considering homeland security and terrorism. Yet, *effective* homeland security looks nothing like those terrifying images and instead is the picture of law enforcement and communities working in partnership to be vigilant, resilient, and strong. At its core, effective homeland security is the proactive and *tactical* practice of community policing.

Based on this simple but powerful premise, *Tactical Community Policing for Homeland Security* delves into the merits of community policing as a means of thwarting and strategically interdicting terrorism. This tuition-free, 3-day Instructor Development Program explores Community Partnerships as an Intelligence Gathering Tool; Practical Problem Solving Strategies; Proactive Prevention, Intervention and Interdiction Strategies; and Values Based Policing in the Climate of Terrorism.

This course is designed for law enforcement trainers tasked with preparing local officers to effectively engage in homeland security activities in a thriving community policing environment. Designed as a train-the-trainer program, participating trainers will leave the class prepared to train others and will receive comprehensive instructional materials designed in a flexible, modular format to be presented during local in-service programs, squad training sessions, or even at roll-call.

**Audience:**

Ideal candidates include law enforcement officers/trainers with, at a minimum:

- basic knowledge of community policing;
- basic knowledge of counter terrorism measures;
- instructional experience;
- current training responsibilities within their agency or academy; and
- willingness to provide this training to other officers.
**Cost:**

This is a tuition-free program funded through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

**Registration:**

Registration is available at [www.vcpionline.org](http://www.vcpionline.org). Do not delay; seats are very limited and are anticipated to fill quickly. Due to the limited number of seats available in this program, registration is open to a maximum of (3) instructors from any single agency.

The goal of this Instructor Development Program is for participating trainers to take the presentation materials back to their own agencies and teach the various components of the program in formats suitable to their agencies’ needs. Upon registering for the course, you will be emailed a “good faith” agreement form to be completed by your supervisor and sent to VCPI within 10 days of registration. The purpose of the form is to ensure that all participants and their supervisors recognize the importance of this training. By completing the form the agency supervisor is simply agreeing to provide ample opportunity for the participant to educate his or her fellow officers within one year of completing the program. It also asks for agency support of simple data reporting to VCPI as required under the grant funding.