Law Enforcement Training for Defusing Critical Incidents

ICAT is an innovative, evidence-based approach to use-of-force training. ICAT provides first responding police officers with the tools, skills, and options they need to defuse a range of critical incidents successfully and safely.

ICAT was developed by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) with input from hundreds of law enforcement professionals nationwide. It is currently being taught in police agencies of all sizes and in all parts of the country.

The training focuses on situations involving persons in crisis and those who are unarmed or armed with weapons other than firearms. Research conducted, both pre and post ICAT training, confirmed the effectiveness of ICAT training in several areas of officer performance. You can find the entire study HERE.

PERF is offering train-the-trainer sessions to law enforcement agencies interested in implementing ICAT for their officers.

About the Train-the-Trainer Sessions

- A 1½-day, hands-on exploration of all ICAT modules, including a new module on handling Suicide-by-Cop situations, and a new module about “Step Up and Step In,” which is about training officers to exercise leadership and identify best tactics and communications in dynamic situations.
- Led by experienced trainers who have taught ICAT in their own agencies and others.
- Following the course, participants will be prepared to train their agency’s personnel in ICAT and facilitate scenarios that develop officer competency using these principles in action.

Who Should Attend?

Because ICAT presents entirely new ways of handling many types of situations, participants should:

- Be well-respected informal leaders in your department, with credibility among line officers.
- Be receptive to implementing new ideas.
- If they aren’t currently working as trainers, they should be able to be detailed to assist in the training function for as long as it will take to train your department on ICAT.

For More Information (or if your agency is interested in a customized, on-site training for all agency personnel): Contact Jason Cheney (jcheney@policeforum.org or 202-454-8331).

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