






TASERS and Electronic Control Weapons

Date/Time: November 15, 2008 (8 am - 5pm)

Location: University of Central Florida, College of Health and Public Affairs (Room TBA)

 The Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies at the University of Central Florida, the UCF Division of Continuing Education announce a thought provoking, engaging one-day seminar (with a one-credit hour option).

 This 8-hour dynamic class will consist of classroom presentation and interactive participation with students on Electronic Control Weapons (ECWs) and TASERS. Use of force is a dynamic and complex issue in modern day law enforcement; the course is designed for both law enforcement and civilian personnel and will discuss the facts v. fiction aspect of this new weapons system and use of force issues. The media's role and public reaction to ECWs and TASERS in particular will be the focus of our discussion on learning the truth about these weapons. The course will also focus on legal precedence with regards to case law and internal policy, along with the role of politics. Particular attention will be on the Orange County Sheriff's Office TASER Task Force Committee.

 This seminar will be Commander Paul "Spike" Hopkins. Cmdr. Hopkins has been with the Orange County (Florida) Sheriff's Office since 1988. He has been a SWAT team member for fourteen years and assistant team leader. He is a less lethal instructor and started the Orange County Sheriff's Office TASER deployment in late 2000. Cmdr. Hopkins is a Senior Master TASER Instructor, TASER Training Board Member, TASER Armorer, OCSO TASER Task Force Member, OCSO Subject Matter Expert in TASER, and has trained over 1,000 officers in TASER use.

The seminar fee for this course is \$75, CEUs and tuition are extra. Students interested in the credit-hour option for this course should register for the appropriate UCF course via POLARIS: CCJ 4934 (undergraduate students); or CCJ 5934 (graduate students). This seminar will be held on the main campus of UCF in HPA1.



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