



Critical Communication and Decision Making for the Patrol Officer

DATES:

May 30-31, 2023

TIME:

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

COST:

\$130

LOCATION:

WCTC
800 Main Street
Pewaukee WI 53072

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"This class touched on common everyday issues that most officers struggle with pertaining to communication while dealing with difficult people."

"I enjoyed this class very much. It should definitely be core training for officers."

Attendees June 2022



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The elements of communication in policing are more critical now than ever before. This course focuses on the challenges of communication and decision making in today's interactions with the public. It will re-emphasize key components of training and curriculum that will serve as the foundation for the strategies officers can use to **"de-escalate"** when practical while providing confidence in the decisions made in utilizing **Use-of-Force**.

Attendees will engage in discussions, video debriefs, and low speed **practical walk through exercises** exploring dynamic situations like: Uncooperative Drivers, Claims of Racial Bias, Armed Subjects, Subjects experiencing Mental Health Crisis, Sovereign Ideologies and more.

Objectives of this class:

- Develop a working strategy for emphasizing strong communication skills and de-escalation techniques.
- Participants will learn how to conduct self-analysis to be "ahead of the curve" with their words and actions to promote safety and decrease liability.
- Discuss key "hot button" issues for communication and how they can affect the outcomes of interactions.
- Explore how communication, use of force, and tactical decision making come together and build off of each other.
- Explore the balance of justification and desirability and how it applies for the officer and the agency.
- Learn that non-escalation should be a focus of officers from the time they start an interaction.
- Discuss the importance of *the process* of decision making and why it matters in a world of **outcome based scrutiny.... And more!**

Required Equipment:

Duty belt (NO LIVE AMMO), vest/vest carrier, eye protection.

Instructors:

Michael Kempinski, Lieutenant, West Allis Police Department

Lt. Kempinski began his career with WAPD in 2008. He is a certified WI Law Enforcement Instructor in several curriculums including Constitutional Law, DAAT, Firearms, Tactical Response and a Master Instructor in Communication. He has taught professional development courses in communication and police tactics for several years in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Joseph (JT) Mathy, Sergeant, West Allis Police Department

Sgt. Mathy began his career with WAPD in 2011. He is a Certified WI Law Enforcement Instructor in several curriculums and a Team Leader/Training Coordinator for the WAPD SWAT Team.

