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Threat Pattern Recognition Use of Force Instructor School (PPCT)

October 24-28, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lincoln Police Department

710 5th Street

Lincoln, IL

***This course is pending ILETSB approval and certification for the following mandates:
Constitutional/Proper Use of LE Authority, Procedural Justice,
Use of Force (De-escalation Techniques and Officer Safety Techniques)***

Course overview: The PPCT Defensive Tactics System is the first subject control system developed through tactical, legal, and medical research. Tactically, the system addresses the most common types of resistance officers encounter, allowing the instructor to maximize training on job related techniques. Legally, the PPCT System teaches a simple use of force continuum that clarifies the appropriate force level for every level of resistance. Medical research was conducted on every PPCT technique to refine technique efficiency and to ensure the medical implications were proportional to the level of resistance.

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Course Goals:

1. To examine survival learning research in an effort to enhance survivability in combat situations.
2. To instruct a subject control system that is compatible with the effects of survival stress.
3. To teach a subject control system based upon the four most common types of resistance.
4. To refine student technique to the instructor level.
5. To teach instructional methods designed to enhance a student's ability to learn survival techniques, increase his/her confidence level, and assist in the successful application of physical techniques.

Instructor: Lt. Mark E. Bridges (retired)

Mark Bridges retired as a lieutenant after 26 years with the Springfield Police Department. He is a graduate from the FBI National Academy, Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, Western Illinois Executive Institute, Illinois New Chief of Police Training. He has a Masters Degree in Law Enforcement Administration from Western Illinois University, Bachelor Degree in Social Justice from University of Illinois in Springfield and an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement from Lincoln Land Community College. He attended Florida Atlantic University on a baseball scholarship where he studied Criminal Justice. He also attended Lincoln Christian University for a semester.

He has served as a Team Leader in the Neighborhood Team Police Unit, developer, and Commander of the first Gang Enforcement Unit at the Springfield Police Department, Team Leader and Assistant Coordinator of the Emergency Response Team, Director of the Springfield Police Academy, Operations Commander, and Field Operations Lieutenant. He served in the Field Training Program as a Field Training Officer, Sergeant, and Program Coordinator.

Commander Bridges served as a team commander for the ILEAS Mobile Field Force Team deploying to the Pittsburgh G8 Summit. He is an Operations Officer for the Illinois Incident Management Team deploying to New York to assist in Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts.

Mark Bridges is a certified instructor in many use of force disciplines as well advanced hostage rescue, firearms, edged weapon, ground avoidance and defense, less lethal, crowd control and physical fitness. He has created several training programs for officer survival and street enforcement tactics. Commander Bridges was officially named as the Springfield Police Department's Use of Force Expert and has been utilized in several use of force cases as an Expert with Knowledge. He is a Staff Instructor for PPCT. Mark is a First-Degree Black Belt in Shito Ryu Karate Do and studies Jiu Jitsu at Gracie Barra Jiu Jitsu.



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Non-Member Tuition: \$400. Non-Member tuition shall apply to civilians, officers from State/Federal agencies, and officers from Local Law Enforcement agencies which are not a member of any MTU. Tuition will be invoiced to departments upon course completion. If a pre-registered student from a Non-Member agency fails to attend training, and the agency fails to provide advance notice within 7 days of the start date of that class, the agency will be invoiced the entire amount of the student's tuition.

To Register: Email registration to register@letac.org. You may also fill out and submit our online registration form through the website at www.letac.org or call 217-726-7014 to register by phone (be sure to include all pertinent information). **MTU#10 Law Enforcement members who are under the mandate requirements will be given priority on state mandated courses and then MTU#10 local members. If it is not a mandated course, all MTU# 10 local members will be given registration preference until seven days prior to the date of class. After that date, registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of MTU status. *We cannot accept registrations from individual officers. All registrations must go through your Chief, Sheriff, or department training office, even if you are attending class on your own time.***

Cancellation: If a class must be canceled for any reason, every effort will be made to do so at least 2 weeks before the class is scheduled to begin. However, there are circumstances where last minute cancellation is out of our control. All officers who have been registered for training will be contacted at the email address given at registration, so please be sure to provide an email address which is checked often.

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