**TAC Team Course Announcement** 

High Risk K9 Entries

"Integrating Patrol Personnel"



Hosted by New Haven Police Department

August 9 & 10, 2011 - Tuesday/Wednesday (20 hours) - 0800-1900

Check-in begins 0730 at New Haven Training Academy, 710 Sherman Parkway, New Haven, CT 06511

**Course Description:** Two courses in one! This class is recommended for K9 handlers and patrol officers/deputies who work together and want to incorporate more proficient tactical movements into their high risk entries and clearings using a police service dog. The class will focus on the three critical phases of an operation using a police dog; mindset, planning, and deployment. Participants will attend a classroom session at the start of the first day followed by practical and scenario-based exercises with and without the police dogs. *It is highly recommended a K9 supervisor or patrol-training coordinator participates as an officer.* 

Learning objectives include;

- K9 team and patrol personnel will work together to locate a hidden suspect during a high risk deployment, demonstrate coordinated team movement, and take a suspect into custody using proper officer safety techniques.
- Patrol personnel will learn the tactics and mindset needed to safely enter a room to search for and arrest a high risk suspect with or without a police dog.

The class will address:

- Team movement
- Long line deployment

- CommunicationsEntries & clearings
- Cover team responsibilities
- Training & liability

- Deployment planning
- Arrest zones & techniques
- "Angles & attitude"

**<u>Primary Instructors</u>:** Sergeant Bill Lewis II (Retired) has over 33 years of law enforcement and instructor experience, retiring from the Oxnard (CA) Police Department after serving over 27 years. He was a K9 handler for four years, K9 supervisor for eight years, and served on SWAT for over 25 years as a tactical operator with 18 years assigned as Team Leader. Sergeant Lewis consults with and teaches tactics, liability and supervision to K9 teams, tactical operators and police supervisors. He is an expert witness, NPCA certifying official, and Board Member for the California Association of Tactical Officers (CATO). He is the owner of TAC Team and facilitator for TacticalK9USA.com and TacticalDebriefs.com.

Senior Deputy Phil Geisler from the Los Angeles County (CA) Sheriff's Department has over 31 years of law enforcement and instructor experience. He was a K9 handler for nine years. He later served on SEB's Special Weapons Team (SWAT) for over nine years with assignments on the gas, entry and sniper teams. He has traveled throughout the United States teaching K9 and SWAT tactics and trained with Navy SEALs, Army Airborne, Special Forces and the Marines.

**<u>Registration</u>**: Course restricted to sworn law enforcement/active military personnel on a first-come basis. Class limited to 12 agency teams. Tuition begins at \$675.00 per agency team for one K9 handler (and police dog) and 2 patrol officers. Tuition for one additional handler (and dog) per agency team and/or patrol officers (1 or 2 maximum) from the same agency is \$175.00 per person. **Registration deadline is July 15.** To make a reservation, or for more information, contact Bill Lewis II at SgtBLewis2@aol.com. Make checks payable to "TAC Team" and mail along with name, agency, and e-mail address for each participant to;

