

# USE OF FORCE IN A CORRECTIONS ENVIRONMENT: PRINCIPLES AND DECISION-MAKING CONSIDERATIONS CERTIFICATION COURSE



## 24 HOURS OF TRAINING OVER 3 DAYS

This certification course is designed to provide corrections officers and supervisors with a deeper understanding of force and its many related issues in a correctional setting. Incident debriefs and analysis, as well as real-life examples and scenarios, will be provided. The curriculum is designed around the concept of risk mitigation, focusing on reducing risk to individuals and agencies. This course is interactive and will consist of breakout discussions.

Note: Students must successfully complete a final exam demonstrating understanding and retention of the course materials to obtain their certification.

### SCHEDULE

#### DAY 1

- EXAMPLES OF NEGATIVE OUTCOMES AS A RESULT OF USE OF FORCE
- RAMIFICATIONS OF IMPROPER USE OF FORCE
- JUSTIFICATION FOR USE OF FORCE
- INCIDENT DEBRIEF: USE OF FORCE INCIDENT
- INTRODUCTION TO EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND ITS IMPACT ON USE OF FORCE

#### DAY 2

- CORRECTIONS CASE LAW
- SEVEN THEORIES OF LEGAL LIABILITY
- AVOIDING OFFICER CREATED JEOPARDY

#### DAY 3

- LESS LETHAL TACTICS AND TOOLS
- CALCULATED/PLANNED USE OF FORCE
- UNPLANNED/SPONTANEOUS USE OF FORCE
- DOCUMENTATION FOR USE OF FORCE
- FINAL EXAM

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Laws Governing Use of Force Within the Correctional Setting
- Pre-Trial Detainees vs. Convicted Prisoners
- Introduction to Emotional Intelligence
- Seven Theories of Legal Liability
- Legal, Tactical, and Ethical Decision-Making Within the Correctional Setting
- Less Lethal Tactics and Tools
- Proper Documentation for Use of Force