

South Carolina Training Officer's Association
December 12, 2006

Location: Academy Firing Range; classroom #1

President Boling began the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m. He introduced himself to all in attendance and then had everyone introduce themselves. Afterwards, he stated that we still had an opening in the Low Country Area 3 (encompassing Bamberg, Jasper, Hampton, Colleton, and Allendale counties), Chuck Gaillard accepted.

Next, Brian asked if anyone had any training needs. No one had any so he then moved on to upcoming training to share.

Columbia PD is going to be having a radar certification class aimed for January. If anyone is interested please contact Vice President Billy Melton. He must have ten (10) officers in order to hold the class.

Next, Darren Norris with S.O.R.D. International stated that they are beginning lottery based training (free) every quarter. Go to his website and review the specs. His website is operations@sordinternational.us.

Brian stated that his department (York County) was going to be holding one day specific combative classes (i.e., strikes, takedowns, etc.). Check out their website to see what all will be offered and the dates available as well.

They will be hosting an advanced DUI class in December 18-20, 06 and had a few vacancies. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Brian.

They will be hosting a Class 3 class at the end of January. You must go through the academy for registration just as you normally would if attending there. Brian stated that they would have additional training than what is typically provided to fill in the gaps. It should be a great class and anyone interested should contact the academy for registration.

The academy has been losing classes due to lack of participation with MCTFT. This is very valuable resources (free training) and we all should be utilizing it as much as possible. They have great instructors geared specifically for whatever the class is. Their only requirement is that there must be 32 officers in attendance. Look on the academy's website for a list of classes.

Next, we had Eric Skidmore with the LE Assistance Program explain what they did and the services provided for LE officers at all departments requesting their assistance. It is a chaplaincy program that is geared to assist your officers in the event they have a tragedy. It is an excellent program and any department who is in need of their services please contact Mr. Skidmore at (803) 783-3024 or 803 206-8961 (cell). He can and will be more than happy to explain in detail their services.

Mr. Steve Shugart of the U.S. Army was our next speaker. They too have adopted the Post Critical Incident Seminar program except use it for military officers. He stated that if any department ever needed his assistance, he would be more than happy to talk with any of our military/LE officers. He may be reached at Steven.shugart@us.army.mil or 803-667-2750 (cell). Keep in mind that all programs/seminars are free and very beneficial. Only officers who have experienced any type of tragedy will be in attendance to speak with officers who may need their assistance.

Next on the agenda was Mr. Spears Westbrook. He stated that the newly promoted Leadership classes were going extremely well. They are now taking applications for the 2nd year. The classes fill up fast so he recommended that you not hesitate in applying for the class you wish to apply for.

Mr. Westbrook is no longer over the Standards department at the academy. Mr. Bill Floyd (803) 896-7724 is over that department. Mr. Westbrook is now overseeing "Special Projects, including the newly developed leadership classes. For more information on any of these classes look on the website or contact Mr. Westbrook personally.

11:30 a.m. – Break

After the break was over, Attorney Elizabeth Robinson discussed some information available to everyone. She is now in private practice and is available to any department on a retainer. Her cost is typically \$150.00/monthly, plus 2 hours of her time used anyway your department wishes, plus her newsletter. She is more than willing to review lesson plans, provide legal training, provide motion preparation, etc. She can do anything you wish, all you need to do is contact her. She will be more than happy to assist any department in need of a part time attorney. She may be reached at (803) 246-1038 or email her at Elizabeth@ehrobinsonlaw.com.

Our last speaker was Mr. Eddie Burton from York Technical College. He provided a lot of information concerning classes that were available at the college. The biggest proposal he had for us was the Police Dynamics training. This is training that was developed by Mr. Ray Nash, Sheriff in Dorchester County. It is an excellent seminar, typically costing 4800.00, however, Eddie Burton has been able to do some haggling and because he is willing to do much of the work himself, he can provide the training to us at a minimal cost of \$119.00 if we have a minimum of 40 officers in attendance or \$59.00 if we have 100 officers in attendance. He must have a count by January 30, 2007 at the latest in order to know the number of officers interested. It is mandatory that you let him know how many officers from your department will be interested in attending so he can prepare for the class and finalize the cost for officers. Please contact him at cburton@yorktech.com or 803 981-7362. This is class all officers should attend. It's based on character building.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Officers in attendance are as follows:

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Thank you all for attending. We wish you all a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Happy Holidays to everyone** and we look forward to seeing you at **the next meeting on February 13, 2007!** Brian will send out an email letting everyone know will the meeting will be held.

Lyn Saylor