

The Winning Edge: Mental Preparation for Violent Encounters

DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 2008

TIME: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Macomb Police Department, 120 South McArthur Street, Macomb

INSTRUCTOR: Brian McKenna, Ret., Hazelwood (MO) Police Department

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Learn from the hard-won lessons of those who have experienced armed encounters firsthand. Based upon extensive research by the author of *Police Marksman Magazine's* popular *Officer Down* column, including numerous in-depth interviews with officers who have “been there”, this training teaches winning attitude and other mental skills needed to control violent encounters with minimal risk. Hard-hitting case studies are presented in a dynamic style that provides vital insight into how to prepare mentally and tactically to win, even when the odds are stacked against you.

Learn:

The mental skills and tactical principles needed to meet and defeat just about any threat; establish control and discourage resistance by suspects; fulfill your duty to yourself, your family, your fellow officers and the citizens you are sworn to protect against all odds.

How to make every incident an important learning experience.

How to improve performance when learning/practicing firearms and other officer safety skills.

Key lessons from the experiences of officers who have “been there”.

Topics Covered:

“Warriors” in a free society

Developing a positive attitude

Situational awareness

Tactical thinking and mental flexibility

Planning for violent encounters

Overcoming common hazards

Dealing with the aftermath of lethal confrontations

Off-duty encounters

Close-quarters armed attacks

Practical weapon retention

How violent offenders think and behave

Officer as hostage

Ambushes

Registration:

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