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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Hays County Commissioners Court

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Request forms are due in Microsoft Word Format via email by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

AGENDA ITEM

Approve out of state travel for training for Chief Jamie Page.

ITEM TYPE

CONSENT

MEETING DATE

October 15, 2013

AMOUNT REQUIRED

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SUMMARY

The Hays County Sheriff's Office would like for Chief Page to attend the Force Science Certification course in Arizona on January 13-17, 2014. This training will certify Chief Page in Force Science Analysis. He will be trained to recognize and articulate important psychological, biological and physiological factors that can influence human behavior and memory in force encounters and pursuit situations.

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2013/2014 Force Science® Certification Course Schedule

Registrations are *now being accepted*.
See below for registration details.

Register now for law enforcement's newest certification course that prepares you for uncovering the truth when lawsuits, careers and reputations are on the line and join the elite ranks of Force Science® Certification Course Graduates from federal, state, local and international agencies worldwide!

"Out of the hundreds of training hours that I've logged over the course of my 17-year career, the Force Science® Certification Course was by far the best law enforcement education I have ever received!"

— Det. Ellis Maxwell, Force Science® Certification Course Graduate, West Valley City (UT) Police Dept.

"The Force Science® Certification Course was excellent! It should be mandatory for Command Staff, Homicide Units that investigate officer-involved shootings, Internal Affairs personnel, Shooting Review Board members and Training Units. The commitment of the entire Force Science instructional team to the perfection of this class was obvious."

— Undersheriff Ed Prendergast, Force Science® Certification Course Graduate, San Diego Co. Sheriff's Department

"I've had training in virtually all areas of criminal investigation over my 19-year career and the Force Science® Certification Course definitely stands out as one of the best classes I have ever experienced. I wish I had taken this course years ago!"

— Sgt. Derek Johnson, Force Science® Certification Course Graduate, Howard Co. (MD) Police Dept.

"The depth of knowledge shared in this class and the ability of the instructors to teach and explain complex material in an understandable fashion was unreal! This is the best course I've had in my career."

— Constable Rom Ranallo, Force Science® Certification Course Graduate, Vancouver (BC) Police

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The following 2013/2014 courses will include entirely new blocks of instruction as well as information on new Force Science research projects that have just been completed and details on recent high profile officer-involved shooting cases where Force Science played a critical role in the investigation, the analysis and in court.

[Eight additional 2014 Force Science® Certification Courses will be announced soon.]

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to high demand, seats cannot be held and registrations may not be canceled. In order to secure a spot in the class, please acknowledge that all permissions to attend have been obtained on your end and please let us know how tuition will be paid. VISA and Mastercard payments are accepted. Invoices can be issued only with the assurance that a check can be sent immediately upon receipt of the invoice.

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As with all prior certification classes, the program will be conducted by an impressive team of renowned experts on a wide variety of crucial dynamics that impact the understanding of force encounters and will lead to a new certification for investigators of force-related incidents.

Through the groundbreaking work of **Dr. Bill Lewinski** and the Force Science Certification Course team, you'll learn:

- **How to analyze vital elements of controversial uses of force that are often overlooked.**
- **Skills to help determine whether an officer is being honest when he swears his recollection of an incident is true...even though his account directly conflicts with forensic evidence.**
- **Techniques for helping officers accurately & thoroughly recall details of force encounters.**
- **Why a site visit and/or video review may or may not be advisable before a statement.**
- **Whether shots to the back *really* reflect what an officer saw when he pulled the trigger.**
- **How to avoid critical mistakes some investigators make during post-incident interviews.**
- **The truth about time: How long it *really* takes officers to start—and stop—shooting.**
- **What ready position is *really* best for reducing lag time...and much more!**

Attendees who successfully complete the program will be certified in "Force Science Analysis." This designation attests that the holder has been trained to recognize and articulate important psychological, biological, and physiological factors that can influence human behavior and memory in force encounters and pursuit situations.

The training will be based on solidly documented findings about human dynamics by the Institute's *Force Science Research Center* and other world-acclaimed research sources that are commonly misunderstood or ignored in law enforcement investigations, according to Dr. Bill Lewinski, coordinator of the new program and executive director of the Force Science Institute.

"There's a tremendous need for the application of human science in force investigations," he says. "Without it, controversial officer-involved shootings and other uses of force--even pursuits, which also involve split-second decision-making in highly stressful, rapidly evolving circumstances--can easily be misjudged, with devastating consequences.

"In some cases officers have gone to prison and agencies have suffered crushing losses in civil suits because the factors in how humans perform under stress were not properly assessed by uninformed investigators."

Like persons trained in accident reconstruction, blood-spatter analysis, and other science-based disciplines, investigators certified in Force Science Analysis will be able to apply their grasp of human dynamics to interpret how and why a force confrontation evolved as it did, Lewinski said. They will also know how to "best mine the memories of those involved for relevant recollections." This information can be vital to authorities who ultimately must judge the encounter, such as administrators, I.A. chiefs, review board members, prosecutors, judges, and jurors.

Among other things, the backgrounds of the instructors will include world-class expertise in:

- **how the brain and body work together to form psychomotor skills;**
- **the latest cognitive interviewing techniques for law enforcement;**
- **officer and suspect behaviors in deadly assaults on LEOs;**
- **motor performance, visual attention, and memory;**
- **how stress and trauma affect memory;**
- **the effect of low-light levels on perception;**
- **contextual cues;**
- **the dynamics of action and reaction in force encounters;**
- **decision-making variables during pursuits;**
- **judgment and psycho-physiological responses under extreme stress.**

Most of the faculty are medical doctors or hold PhDs in specialized disciplines of psychology and some have authored the leading textbooks in their fields. A few have worked closely with law enforcement and/or the military in the past, but "some will be adapting their findings on human behavior to a law enforcement context for the first time," Lewinski said.

As course coordinator, as well as a presenter himself, it will be his job, he said, to assure that "all information is conveyed in terms that are understandable and have practical application for the attendees seeking certification." Question-and-answer opportunities will supplement the formal instruction.