

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Blue Line Survival Training

Dear Sponsors

On behalf of the SC Training Officers' Association and the Anderson Police Department It is with great appreciation that I write this letter in recognition of the training provided by Mike Willis and David Hinners during a recent training event hosted by the Anderson Police Department in South Carolina. During March 17 and 18, 2012 Anderson Police Department in partnership with the Blue Line Survival Training Group was able to provide Tactical Entry training to law enforcement students from the City of Anderson and across the State of South Carolina.

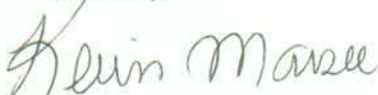
Participating agencies in this training initiative were the Anderson Police Department, United States Army MPs, Spartanburg Public Safety, Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, SLED, West Pelzer Police Department, Greenville Technical College Public Safety, SC State Constables, Ninety Six Police Department, Simpsonville Police Department, Kershaw County Sheriff's Office, and Newberry County Sheriff's Office.

The ability of our local law enforcement agencies to achieve their objectives is dependent on its continued ability to sustain and instill knowledge and skills within the officers and civilian staff they employ. Workplace management, training, and planning are imperative to ensure achievement in the departmental objectives. Changing external environments, threat conditions, and other factors have emerged and changed the manner in which officers are managed and trained.

The very nature of police work itself is characterized by complex challenges. New technologies, emergence of criminal street gangs, and heightened fears of terrorism among other changes have all impacted and transformed law enforcement worldwide as well as our local agencies. Law enforcement is faced with the ongoing challenge of responding to crime and also being responsive to community needs. Training is the key to providing those necessities however funding can at times be difficult to secure for such initiatives.

The training provided by Mike and Dave was relevant, informative, interesting, and desperately needed by the officers in attendance. During the 2 days I heard nothing but great comments from those in attendance. It is my belief that this class will enhance officer safety and their ability to function as law enforcement professionals.

Sincerely,



Captain Kevin Marsee