



POLICE DEPARTMENT

United States Deputy Sheriff's Association
Attn: Mike Willis, National Training & Programs Director
2233 S. West Street Ct.
Wichita, KS 67213

In Re: Training for Multiple Agencies

Dear Mike,

On behalf of the SC Training Officers Association Region 1 and the Williamston Police Department I wanted to extend our most sincere of appreciations for the Active Shooter/Tactical Entry training provided by your cadre of instructors with your outstanding organization.

Our law enforcement officers are living and functioning daily within a dangerous and high threat environment. This is evidenced by recent "swatting" incidents and actual active shooter events within our region. Our small town and rural police officers are facing a variety of trends including high turnover and short staffing that make it increasingly difficult to train and prepare our police officers to respond to such incidents. This is compounded by the fact that funding can be difficult to secure for such initiatives.

The no cost training provided by your cadre of instructors was informative, relevant, and desperately needed by officers from the 12 police agencies in attendance. The fact that each of the 37 officers in attendance volunteered for this training is further evidence of the outstanding curriculum that your organization provides.

The training as provided by the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association has improved our law enforcement officers' ability to function in multijurisdictional teams, increased confidence in their individual capabilities, provided techniques for officer safety, and enhanced the safety and security of our children and the communities served.

The value of your contribution to these officers and the communities they serve cannot be put into words.

Sincerely,

Kevin Marsee
Chief of Police