

What did you personally get out of this training?

I got to rework the skills I have gained from work with the USDSA, and a wonderful chance to use these skills with the new members of my neighboring agencies to ensure a swift, and careful manner in which to resolve issues that may arise in Law Enforcement.

Do you feel that the training is beneficial to law enforcement?

I do feel this training is vital to all Law Enforcement Agencies. The skills and tactics used by the USDSA are a great tool for any LEO to use, and every agency in the world can use them to make multijurisdictional cooperation on large scale events, a fluid and safe action.

In what way?

Any Officer can learn these skills, and tactics. An older Officer with years of service, to a fresh Officer who is still learning can work easily to make sure all involved are safe, and effective in their duties. As an Officer who is overweight, I still feel very confident in the skills I was able to learn and use to make sure I am able to assist any other officers in the course of our duties in a major situation. Even after seventeen years of Law Enforcement experience, and I was able to learn and relearn some of the fundamentals of our fast paced, and ever changing dangerous world of Public Safety.

Would you recommend this class to other law enforcement agencies?

I would not only recommend other agencies take these classes, but to continue to reach out to the USDSA for assistance. I have called and spoke to Mike several times over the years, and have had the chance to train with the USDS on three separate occasions. The training, is beyond amazing, and beneficial. I have used the skill shown to me in training new officers, and every time I get the chance to study with the USDSA I always learn something, or get to redo something I have not done in a long time.

As a personal statement, I would love to say that the USDSA has always been there to assist, and help raise Officers in their skills. The training provided to you from Mike and Dave, and the rest is done to help build you up, and ensure you are learning. They tell you the good, the bad, and the ugly but do not ever make you feel bad about what you can do. They are there to assist, and teach. I will always reach out to the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association to continue to grow as an officer. I can not say enough about the way the work with you. I know officers who have no tactical experience who walk away feeling better about high stress situations, and confidence from the training they received.

Thank you again for all you do for us Law Enforcement Officers, and our families. From a truly grateful officer and student.

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