

DEFENSIVE TACTICS INSTRUCTOR COURSE



Course Description: This 80 hour course is the approved requisite for CJSTC certification as a defensive tactics instructor. Topics covered will include legal issues, facility development and management, motor skill learning and teaching, performance under stress, evaluation techniques and the basic recruit curriculum. Each participant must successfully complete all the rigorous exercise in the basic recruit academy.

Submit registration form accompanied by agency letter confirming prerequisite is met.

Prerequisite: Completion of the CMS Instructor Techniques, Florida General Instructor Techniques Course or CMS Instructor Transition Course.

Course Objectives: At the end of this program, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency in defensive tactics as specified in the CMS curriculum
- Understand the CMS defensive tactics module



Who Should Attend:

Law Enforcement staff that will teach Defensive Tactics at their agency or a criminal justice training center.

Instructor: Alejandro J. Vera is a seasoned law enforcement professional with over 28 years of experience. Currently, he serves as a Defensive Tactics Instructor at the Institute of Public Safety at Broward College, where he trains future police officers in the use of force and de-escalation tactics. Previously, Mr. Vera dedicated 25 years to the Hallandale Beach Police Department, holding various positions such as Road Patrol Officer, Traffic Homicide Investigator, Gang Unit Investigator, SWAT Team Leader, and Trainer. Throughout his career, Mr. Vera developed extensive expertise in defensive tactics, firearms, driving, and use-of-force procedures. He holds numerous certifications and has testified as an expert witness on use of force incidents. Mr. Vera's commitment to public safety extends beyond his official roles.

Fees: None for certified officers and authorized support staff.

End of Course Examination: CJSTC Rule 11b35.001 9(b): A student enrolled in a Commission-approved Advanced or Specified Specialized Training Program Course shall achieve a score of no less than 80% on the written end-of course examination. A student enrolled in a Specialized Instructor Training Course shall achieve a score of no less than 85% on the written end-of-course examination, exclusive of demonstration of any proficiency skills.

Attendance: Attendance at the initial class is mandatory. All students must adhere to the attendance requirements of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and the Rules, Policies and Procedures of the Institute of Public Safety.

Dress Policy: Your department's authorized training uniform. Law enforcement personnel not in uniform that are carrying exposed firearms must prominently display agency ID and/or badge at all times while on college property.

This course is applicable to Mandatory Retraining; Federal I.D. #59-1216107.