

## **2019 ILEETA Live Fire Conference Course Descriptions and Bios by Instructor Last Name**

### **Jeff Chudwin    Defensive Close Quarter Semi-Auto Handgun Skills**

Defensive Close Quarter Handgun Skills course is designed to enhance the student's ability to effectively respond to close quarter deadly force threats. The goal of this course is to train students in the following subjects: firearm safety, verbal skills, tactical movement during confrontation, tactical presentation of the handgun, accurate shot placement under stress, stoppage/malfunction reduction, sustainability (magazine changes), post shooting sequence – 360 degree scan on the move, tactical breathing.

Jeff Chudwin served 38 years and retired as the Chief of Police for the Village of Olympia Fields IL. He serves as a sworn officer with the Peotone IL Police Dept. and is a founding member and president of the Illinois Tactical Officers Association. A competitive shooter of over 35 years and provides a number of firearms training courses including; basic patrol rifle, patrol rifle instructor, Firearms Instructor/Update, Close Quarter Pistol, and rifle-pistol armorer for MTU's state wide

### **Alex Embry    Off Duty Response to Ongoing Armed Violence**

As we see more acts of ongoing, armed violence in our society, it becomes imperative that officers possess the skills to respond to these situations even in an off-duty, plainclothes capacity. With this comes specific concerns of solo deployment and the ability to work around citizens as well as in proximity with offenders and distinguish the two. This course will give attendees a framework to instill those capabilities within their officers while learning to use movement to gain advantage on their opponent and deal with the unconventional area of operation that these events present.

Alex is a police officer for the McHenry County Sheriff's Office with 14 years of experience. He has worked as a Deputy and Patrol Sergeant. He is the lead Firearms Instructor and serves as a member of the Sheriff's Office SWAT team. While on the team he has been part of both Entry and Sniper elements and later functioned as an Assistant Team Leader for the Snipers and a Team Leader for Entry before being assigned as the Team's Commander. He supervises the Training Unit.

### **Todd Fletcher    Drag Race or Sunday Drive: What is your speed limit?**

This class provides firearms instructors with drills and tips for helping shooters discover their personal limits when it comes to applying and regulating speed and accuracy. Instructors will challenge their personal speed limits while delivering accurate shots as well as developing the skills necessary to facilitate effective adult learning. This class will challenge instructors to change the training culture on their range from one that promotes complacency over improvement into an environment where training to failure can be used to facilitate the learning process.

Todd Fletcher is a sergeant in Central Oregon with over 24 years of law enforcement experience. He has presented firearms training nationwide and at multiple regional, national, and international conferences. Todd is part of the IALEFI Master Instructor training cadre, and a staff instructor for NLEFIA. He owns Combative Firearms Training, LLC providing firearms instructor development classes to law enforcement, military, and private security. He can be contacted at [Todd@CombativeFirearms.com](mailto:Todd@CombativeFirearms.com).

### **Lou Ann Hamblin    Tac. Pistol: Responding to the Active Killer**

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This class is designed for officers who may not have immediate access to a long gun while responding to an active killer and situations that require precision at greater distances, crowded environments, engaging targets while moving as a sole respondent and with a partner.

Lou Ann proudly served the law enforcement profession for 22 years before retiring. She holds a Master's degree in Human Performance Technology and Instructional Design. Lou Ann specializes in training female officers (having trained over 3900 L.E. women in pistol alone) and is a certified firearms and defensive tactics instructor in a variety of disciplines. She instructs locally and internationally in the areas of instructor development, training for specialty units, females and officer survival.

### **Raymond Merlin      Dynamic use of Target Systems**

This course will provide dynamic training exercises that will help you improve your live fire training; we will be incorporating a variety of target options that provide a pathway to improve the skills of your students. In law enforcement communities around the world, we know that realistic training is key to giving students the experience necessary to prevail in stressful situations.

Raymond A. Merlin served in the United States Marine Corps for 4 years in security forces and infantry and has over 27 years with the Kenosha Co. Sheriff's Department (WI). Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Minor in Human Resource from Concordia University. Master instructor-trainer in Defense and Arrest Tactics, Principles of Subject Control, Firearms, Professional Communications, and Scenario Master Instructor. Serves on Advisory committees for the State of Wisconsin Training.

### **Chris Cerino      Diagnostic Skills & Drills**

Practice is best done under the watchful eye of a qualified instructor. You need to inspire your students to want to learn from you. Test your skills and knowledge before learning how to obtain performance from yourself and your students. You will take home specific information and drills to train yourself and others. Learn what to focus on when training time is short and performance is a must. To train others, you must be able to perform and understand what makes you successful. Each student will get a set of training aids to take home.

Chris is a nationally know TV personality in the firearms industry and has been a trainer for most of his 27 year LE career. He has been a trainer for Air Marshals, Ohio LEOs and Spec Ops. A majority of his training time is spent remediating and creating new shooters. He is a published writer on the topic of training. He trains and competes nationwide to validate skill. Chris's self diagnostic and hard learned skills are shared with every student.

### **Noel Aher      Ballistic Shield for The Patrol Officer**

The ballistic shield has historically been reserved for use by specialist teams. As our operational focus shifts to patrol officers pressing forward to deal with immediate threats there is a need to enhance the protective equipment routinely carried. Ballistic shields are increasingly being made available to patrol officers, though there is a lack of structured training offered to encourage their use. This course is designed to identify the skills necessary for use of the shield by a single patrol officer and demonstrate the tactics required to effectively maximize its protective potential.

Noel began his policing career in England for seventeen years ago, fulfilling roles as a defensive tactics instructor and a member of SCO19, the Metropolitan Police Specialist Firearms Command. He currently

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coordinates law enforcement firearms training for the Oregon Department Of Public Safety Standards & Training.

### **Mike Boyle      Reactive vs. Precision Shooting: What Cops Need to Know**

In a defensive shooting scenario, an officer must strike a balance between speed and accuracy. Speed without accuracy is of no value. In most instances, the threat will be inside of conversational distance and the marksmanship component is not that difficult. However, threats may be at longer distances or may only present a partial target requiring precision. This block of instruction will explore proven methodologies that will enable an officer to shoot fast and accurately.

Captain Mike Boyle served with the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife, Bureau of Law Enforcement. He has been an active firearms instructor for 37 years and is police academy rangemaster. Mike is a frequent contributor to various firearms and law enforcement journals. He served for 21 years on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors and currently works in a non-sworn capacity as a law enforcement training specialist for his agency.

### **Wes Doss      Counter Ambush Skills & Tactics (CAST) Instructor Workshop**

A fast-paced, dynamic & highly interactive workshop version of our acclaimed 16-hour course specifically designed for the trainer who requires an enhanced knowledge of skills & tactics to mitigate an ambush assault situation. It provides aspects of the ambush assault, situation & confrontation awareness, combining skills and tactics. This course is also designed to provide a solid understanding of dynamic movement, individual tactics, vehicle-based tactics and force application. Students will also learn acceptable and legally defensible methods of subject control, use of force, and weapons manipulation.

Wes is an internationally recognized firearm, tactics, and use of force instructor with over 30 years of military & civilian criminal justice experience, as well as significant operational time with both military & law enforcement tactical operations & protective service organizations. Wes holds specialized instructor certifications from the U.S. Army, the U.S. Marine Corps, Arizona POST, the Smith & Wesson Academy, the Sig Sauer Academy, NRA LEAD, FEMA and the Department of State.