

**MONTANA Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council
Curriculum Committee Meeting Agenda -July 10, 2024
Video Conference 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Helena, MT 59602
Teams Meeting
Dial in Number: (406) 318-5487
Teams Meeting ID: 106 134 892#**

- I. 9:00 a.m. ~ Call meeting to order, roll call, identify, and welcome guests.**
- II. 9:10 a.m. ~ Public Comment**
- III. 9:15 a.m. ~ POST Training Credit Hours ~ Street Cop (pgs. 1-15)**
- IV. 10:00 a.m.~ Adjourn**

* Executive Sessions are closed to the public in order to protect the privacy rights of individuals.

Times are approximate; actual times may vary depending on presentation/discussion time.



Montana Public Safety Officer Standards & Training Council

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APPLICATION FOR POST CREDIT HOURS FOR A TRAINING

ARM 23.13.301, 23.13.302 and 23.13.305

Instructions: This form is to be completed and submitted by the individual or agency offering training. This form and a POST roster are the only documents the individual or agency need to submit to POST by emailing the information to the email address above. Alternatively, the information may also be sent to POST via mail at the address above. This form and the POST roster must be submitted within one year of the training.

Course Information:

Course Name: Pro-Active Patrol Tactics

Course Dates: 8/26/24

Number of Course Hours: 8

Course Location or Website: Deer Lodge Medical Center-Lee Jewel Conference Center, 1100 Hollenback Ln., Deer Lodge, MT 59722

Is this an IADLEST NCP Course? Yes No

If "yes," skip to "Sponsoring Agency Information."

The requirements for POST Credit Hours are:

Instructors

1. If the course is taught by a Montana public safety officer, the officer must be a certified instructor;

i. Is the instructor a Montana public safety officer? Yes No

ii. If the instructor is a Montana public safety officer, does the instructor have a POST Instructor Certificate? Yes No N/A

2. If the course is not taught by a Montana public safety officer, you must retain the instructor biography;

i. If the instructor is not a Montana public safety officer, do you have a copy of the instructor's biography? Yes No N/A

ii. Are you requesting a waiver of the requirement that you retain an instructor biography? Yes No

Other Requirements

3. The Course must be open and advertised to ALL public safety agencies.

i. Is the course open and advertised to ALL public safety agencies? Yes No

ii. Are you requesting a waiver of the requirement that the training be open and advertised to all agencies? Yes No

4. You must retain all available documentation of the training. Please check the boxes next to every item that you have retained:

Course Outline Lesson Plan Agenda Study Guide

Course Syllabus Student Material Handouts Course Advertisement

Waivers: If you are requesting a waiver of any of the above requirements, please provide the reasons for the waiver request in the space below:

Have you retained documentation of the reasons outlined above? Yes No

****If the course does not meet these requirements, it will not receive POST Credit.
The documents which you are required to retain may be audited by POST on a random basis.***

Sponsoring Agency Information:

Agency Name: Powell County Sheriffs Office Agency E-mail: AustinP@pcsomt.org
Mailing Address: 313 4th Street
City: Deer Lodge State: MT Zip: 59722
Contact Name(s): Austin Picton Contact Phone: 406-846-2711
Contact Email: AustinP@pcsomt.org

POST Bulletin Board Information

(All courses which are granted POST Credit Hours will be posted on POST's Bulletin Board webpage.)

If the training has a link that you wish to have posted, please provide it here:

<https://www.streetcoptraining.com/event/the-street-smart-cop-pro-active-patrol-tactics-46/>

Please provide the contact person/information you wish to have posted for registration and other questions:

Tina Small tina@streetcop.com
Name Contact Information

Certification of Applicant: *My signature certifies that all required documentation has been obtained and will be retained and that all of the requirements of ARM 23.13.301 have been met. I certify that this course should be granted POST Training Credit Hours.*

Dennis Benigno Dennis Benigno 5/8/24
Printed Name Signature Date

***For Special Courses (Instructor Development, Firearms Instructor & SWAT Primary), proceed to page 3.**

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THE STREET SMART COP
PRO-ACTIVE
PATROLTACTICS

DENNIS BENIGNO



LEO Training

The Street Smart Cop/Pro-Active Patrol
Tactics



August 26, 2024

LEO Training

The Street Smart Cop/Pro-Active Patrol Tactics



August 26, 2024



8:00 am - 5:00 pm



Deer Lodge Medical Center - Lee

Jewel Conference Center

1100 Hollenback Ln

Deer Lodge, MT 59722

Deer Lodge, MT - August 26, - **1** +

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Allred, Timothy

From: Austin Picton <austinp@Pcsomt.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 4:38 PM
To: Allred, Timothy
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Pro-Active Patrol Tactics

Yes my department and I are aware of the accusations. Sheriff Roselles has reviewed the accusations and the responses made by Street Cop. Sheriff Roselles has stated he is satisfied with the curriculum.

Street Cop CEO Dennis Benigo has publicly addressed all accusations made in an appropriate manner and has corrected any deficiencies within his organization.

Every state involved with the negative claims associated with Street Cop continually violate the rights of its citizens and has a negative connotation toward the police. It is of my opinion there is zero context related to the accusations made and the tactics his company teach are valid.

I would gladly send a link containing Dennis' response to the various articles released and the appropriate actions he has taken.

Thanks,

Deputy Austin Picton
Powell County Sheriff's Office
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On May 9, 2024, at 12:09 PM, Allred, Timothy <Timothy.Allred@mt.gov> wrote:

You don't often get email from timothy.allred@mt.gov. [Learn why this is important \[aka.ms\]](#)

Good afternoon,

POST received your application for the above training. I have been made aware of the following articles regarding Street Cop.

[CBS New York Investigates: Controversial police trainer was disciplined for alleged racial slur, other incidents - CBS New York \(cbsnews.com\) \[cbsnews.com\]](#)

[https://newjerseymonitor.com/2024/02/21/controversial-police-training-firm-files-for-bankruptcy-blames-new-jersey-investigations/ \[newjerseymonitor.com\]](https://newjerseymonitor.com/2024/02/21/controversial-police-training-firm-files-for-bankruptcy-blames-new-jersey-investigations/)

Are you aware of this?

I am going to present this to the POST Council for consideration due to the controversy around this company.

Do you have any thoughts on this? Would you like the Council to consider anything?

Thank you,

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CBS New York Investigates: Controversial police trainer was disciplined for alleged racial slur, other incidents

By Tim McNicholas, Walter Smith Randolph

Updated on: February 12, 2024 / 8:41 AM EST / CBS New York

NEW YORK -- How did a former New Jersey police officer, who was disciplined three times in a period of five years, go on to train thousands of officers while charging local governments thousand of dollars?

It's a question CBS New York has been asking during its months-long investigation, which found that the head of a controversial police training company was once accused of using a racial slur by his own department.

CBS New York Investigates first started looking into Street Cop Training in December, after the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller said the company taught unconstitutional policing tactics at a 2021 conference in Atlantic City. A [report from the comptroller](#) described comments at the conference as "lewd," "disparaging," and "glorifying violence."

"I would be remiss if I didn't remind you, or let you know, that I have a three-inch (expletive)," Brad Gilmore of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office said onstage.

"I love fighting. I love shooting," said conference speaker Tim Kennedy, who later told CBS New York he believes police need a "warrior mindset if they are going to survive."

"I watch this car come off the highway, and I eye-(expletive) the (expletive) out of the female driver," said Robert Ferreiro of the Warren Township Police Department. "She doesn't want to (expletive) me back though."

Watch: Tim McNicholas on the months-long investigation

The comptroller's office said one of the videos it released showed the company's founder, Dennis Benigno, describing people who record interactions with police.

"Shut the (expletive) up, right?," Benigno said to participants. "About to get pepper sprayed, (expletive) Tased. Windows broken out, mother (expletive)."

Years before that, Benigno was a street cop himself -- a Woodbridge Township police officer for 10 years.

Attorney Cynthia Hardaway represented three women in a 2015 lawsuit accusing Benigno and other officers of excessive force, racial bias and false arrests during an incident at a local mall. Woodbridge Township paid \$50,000 to settle before it went to trial.

Benigno never admitted to any wrongdoing.

"I just didn't understand it," Hardaway said of the moment she learned Benigno went on to train police. "What he was doing in that training session is giving insight into what type of officer he is and how he feels."

"I don't want a hero's exit," Benigno said at the conference. "I want to (expletive) die at like 91 with hookers and cocaine around me."

Woodbridge police say Benigno retired from the department at age 33 within weeks of that suit being filed, but CBS New York wanted to know more about his record before he retired.

At first, Woodbridge police denied CBS New York Investigates' request for his Internal Affairs records, but the department eventually released records showing he was disciplined by the department three times from late 2009 through March of 2014.

In 2009, another cop from out of town said that, at a bar, Benigno used an Italian racial slur to describe Black people he chased on the job, which that out-of-town cop recounted to Internal Affairs investigators in Woodbridge in interview recordings obtained by CBS New York Investigates.

"That's when he started talking about, basically how great he was and how he ... that's when he said now he's up here chasing around (expletive)," the officer said.

Benigno denied using the slur but a lieutenant from Internal Affairs wrote in a report, "It's obvious Officer Dennis Benigno was being less than forthcoming in his answer," and "...what degree of confidence can one have regarding Benigno's ability to be impartial in his dealings with African-Americans..."

"Why would these people that don't even know you want to make something like this up?" an Internal Affairs investigator asked Benigno.

"I don't know. I don't know," Benigno replied.

He later pleaded guilty to violating department conduct standards and Woodbridge police say he was suspended for 10 days.

That's what the state calls major discipline, which only about 1% of New Jersey cops face per year, according to recent data.

"Should that have been a red flag before he started to train police officers?" CBS New York Investigates' Tim McNicholas asked New Jersey Attorney General Matt Platkin.

"I can't speak to the particular case, but it does sound like something that would give some concerns," Platkin said.

Years later, in 2021, a monkey was displayed onscreen while one of Benigno's Street Cop instructors -- a Robbinsville, New Jersey sergeant -- described a Black man in a traffic stop.

"That's not an 18-year-old kid dressed like Jesus coming eastbound out of Trenton," Robbinsville Sgt. Scott Kivet said. "It's a 75-year-old Black man with a change in driving behavior."

Platkin said the 240 New Jersey cops who attended that 2021 conference will be re-trained.

"I've made it very clear to all 38,000 sworn (New Jersey) officers and their leadership that no one should be attending Street Cop Training in the State of New Jersey," he said.

As Street Cop promotes its upcoming training sessions, other leaders are concerned, too.

The State of Minnesota said the company is no longer accredited by its police training board.

Platkin said he's told New Jersey's Police Training Commission to take a close look at the issue.

"That work is ongoing, but I anticipate they will put out new rules for outside vendors more broadly that will hopefully ensure what happened with Street Cop doesn't happen again," Platkin said.

Robbinsville police said Sgt. Kivet is now facing an Internal Affairs investigation and he did not respond to our interview requests for this story. Neither did Benigno and his attorney.

Benigno did post a video in response to the comptroller report, apologizing for the offensive language and denying that Street Cop ever taught unconstitutional policing. He also said the company has put in place "quality control measures to foster a cooperative environment."

"We want police officer to have the highest level of professionalism" Benigno said on the video.

But professionalism is not a word the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office uses to describe the actions of Reserve Deputy Shawn Pardazi, a private police trainer who instructed at the 2021 Street Cop Conference.

Dash-camera video shows Pardazi firing several bullets at a reported stolen car as it drove away from a traffic stop in 2022.

The sheriff's office never found the gun Pardazi said the driver pointed, and police arrested Pardazi for illegal use of a weapon and obstruction of justice. A grand jury will soon decide whether charges should be filed.

Pardazi, who was fired after police learned he livestreamed the incident on Facebook, said the following on stage at that 2021 Street Cop Conference: "Run from me, somewhere along the chase becomes, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow."

Pardazi's lawyer told CBS New York he was justified. No one was injured in that shooting.

But Hardaway is worried there might be a next time for another Street Cop participant. And how that next time might end.

"For other people who have to encounter an officer on the street with that mentality, it might be something way worse than us just sitting here having a conversation," she said.

In 2016, Benigno sued one of Hardaway's clients who had sued him when he was a cop, claiming she caused him to suffer injuries that day. That was also settled before a trial.

On Street Cop's website, Benigno is described as someone who won numerous awards as a police officer and now leads one of the fastest-growing police training companies in the country.

The other two disciplinary actions against Benigno in the records released to CBS New York are both Letters of Reprimand. One was for allegedly rear-ending a car he was pulling over.

The other letter was issued after Internal Affairs investigators said Benigno opened a barbershop with a convicted felon before he properly notified his bosses about it, which is against department policy.

The comptroller's office estimates Street Cop earned \$75,000 from New Jersey police departments and governments who sent officers to the 2021 conference, and at least \$320,000 from New Jersey departments for other training sessions between 2019 and 2022.

If you have a story you'd like us to investigate, email us at cbs2investigates@cbs.com or call our tip line at 1-646-939-6095.

Street Cop, the police training company under investigation for a controversial conference it hosted in Atlantic City in 2021, has declared bankruptcy.

Owner Dennis Benigno filed the [petition](#) late last month, one day after he said the state Attorney General's Office warned him it would seek monetary penalties as part of its probe into a Street Cop conference the state [Comptroller's Office said](#) glorified violence, encouraged insubordination, and promoted unconstitutional policing tactics.

The state investigations capped a rocky year for the company, attorney Daniel Velasquez [wrote](#). It "was already suffering" from a \$210,000 wrongful termination lawsuit and a \$500,000 software failure when the comptroller's report dropped in December, Velasquez said.

That bombshell report drove several Street Cop instructors to resign and at least nine states — New Jersey, Maryland, California, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, and Oregon — to prohibit their law enforcement agencies from attending Street Cop training, according to the filing.

"Rather than subject the Debtor's depleted staff to additional harassment from the State of New Jersey, Street Cop Training elected to pursue Chapter 11 relief to restructure its financial affairs, dispute claims, and preserve its going concern value for the ultimate benefit of its creditors and estate," Velasquez wrote.

Chapter 11 cases, known as reorganization bankruptcies, allow debtors to continue operating their business, retain their assets, and even borrow new money, with court approval, while they restructure their finances. Creditors also are required to hold off on collecting what they're owed.

Benigno listed about 20 creditors who are owed almost \$420,000, including the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Orlando, Fla., where Street Cop is set to host a five-day, \$699-per-attendee convention starting April 28. It's unclear if the bankruptcy will impact that conference.

Benigno founded Street Cop in 2012 after stints as an officer in the Woodbridge police department, Middlesex County Department of Corrections, and U.S. Park Police. Within a decade, it became one of the busiest police training firms nationally. In court paperwork, the firm says it trains more than 25,000 officers a year throughout the U.S.

But one of the 1,000 people who attended its October 2021 conference at an Atlantic City casino shared recordings with a Washington Post reporter, who used the conference [to illustrate](#) the alarming lessons officers learn in an industry that largely operates without oversight.

In court filings this month, Benigno cited as his reasons for filing bankruptcy the Post's "politically motivated hit piece," other media coverage, and the comptroller's investigation.

Benigno [sued](#) in state court to fight the comptroller's subpoenas for his testimony and records relating to the conference, complaining that the state wasn't scrutinizing other police training firms and accusing state officials of overreach and political motivations. He lost that case but [sued again](#) in federal court, accusing the comptroller's office of harassment and retaliation.

Last week, a federal judge [tossed](#) the federal case. Benigno's attorney, Jonathan Cohen, told the New Jersey Monitor Tuesday they would not appeal that decision because the fight is now moot. Benigno submitted to the comptroller's interview in October, he noted.

Whatever his troubles now, Benigno's bankruptcy filings show his work has been lucrative.

The firm had gross revenue of \$3.5 million in 2021 and \$3.75 million in 2022. He reported he had about \$209,000 in cash on hand, audio and visual equipment worth about \$7,000, and branded items and apparel. The company has 12 independent instructors who work as needed and six employees tasked with booking trainings, marketing, selling merchandise, and facilitating state education credits for its courses, according to filings.

It listed \$211,000 in unsecured debt obligations.

Benigno filed for bankruptcy Jan. 31 in Florida, listing a luxury apartment complex in Melbourne, Fla., as his business address. Street Cop's website, though, lists two different New Jersey addresses for its corporate headquarters and mailing address.

Sharon Lauchaire, a spokeswoman for New Jersey Attorney General Matt Platkin, said Tuesday that 240 officers from New Jersey agencies attended Street Cop's 2021 conference, and all would be [re-trained next month](#). After the comptroller's office tipped Platkin's office to its findings in March 2023, Platkin ordered state police to stop any involvement with Street Cop and suspended reimbursements, Lauchaire added.

He also directed the Police Training Commission last year to consider statewide guidelines for acceptable police training provided by outside vendors, she said. A new state law requiring officers [to be licensed](#) also requires that commission to develop mandatory training, and the commission now is expanding its curriculum staff to establish continuing education standards and devise uniform training for all officers, she said.

The civil rights division in Platkin's office also is investigating, she added.

Instruction and comments at Street Cop's conference were "deeply troubling, potentially unconstitutional, and certainly unacceptable and inconsistent with the State's commitment to fair, just, and safe policing," Lauchaire said.

Criminal defense attorneys [have warned](#) that cases involving officers who attended the training could collapse in court.

Pam Kruger, a spokeswoman for the comptroller's office, said their investigation isn't over.

"The Office of the State Comptroller's report showed that Street Cop's training promoted likely illegal tactics, glorified violence, and demeaned women and minorities. New Jersey should not pay for that kind of police training, and it's not surprising that other states came to that same conclusion," Kruger said. "OSC's investigation is ongoing as there is more work to do."



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January 5, 2024

Re: Street Cop Training

Dear Sir/Madam:

This law firm represents New Jersey Criminal Interdiction LLC d/b/a Street Cop Training. On December 6, 2023, a non-law enforcement agency within the executive branch of the State of New Jersey known as the Office of the State Comptroller ("OSC") issued what appears to have been a politically motivated and biased report regarding a conference that Street Cop Training held in Atlantic City, New Jersey in October of 2021. The OSC report carried with it no official action nor does that agency have any independent enforcement powers. No officer in attendance at the training made any complaints regarding the training received. In contrast, Street Cop Training received countless positive reviews and praises for the training provided that week and thereafter. The OSC report painted a misleading picture by taking several minutes of sound bites out of context from the five-day training seminar. Street Cop has addressed the issues raised in the report by mandating its instructors and staff to attend Diversity, Inclusion and Sensitivity (DEI) training. Street Cop continues to provide law enforcement training nationwide and looks forward to continuing to provide what it believes to be, and has been advised by thousands of officers and police departments, the best life-saving and criminal-interdiction training in the industry.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

s/ Jonathan F. Cohen

cc: Street Cop Training

Did you know that courses submitted for IADLEST NCP certification are reviewed by subject matter experts in adult learning concepts, curriculum design, and classroom instruction practitioners? Our reviewers undergo a strict vetting process before they are approved to be an NCP reviewer. This includes a review of their resume/CV, contacting references, passing an oral interview, and successfully completing a training program. IADLEST will only use experienced and trusted reviewers to be a part of the NCP review process. This ensures your course is being reviewed by the best.



Michael N. Becar,

Executive Director

International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement
Standards and Training (IADLEST)



**NATIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
 PROVIDER COURSE DOCUMENTS
 CHECK OFF SHEET FOR IN-PERSON COURSES**
 Please check off below as appropriate.

MATERIALS INCLUDED	YES	NO	N/A
1. Completed IADLEST Certification Application (do this online)			
2. Instructor(s) Bios/Resumes			
3. Instructor Guide/Lesson Plan/Manual that includes:			
3.a Overall course goal			
3.b Measurable Training Objectives written with an action, condition and standard			
3.c Course administration section that includes pass/fail criteria			
3.d Course bibliography/content references			
3.e Training videos or other media utilized, in course, with copyright permission notification			
3.f Course Schedule/Outline (include segment times)			
3.g Detailed lesson content with instructor notes throughout			
3.h Endnotes documenting course content			
4. Course Student Materials			
5. Pre-Test(s) with answer key			
6. Post-Test(s) Answer Key			
7. PowerPoint Training Slides or other visuals			
8. Example of Student Roster			
9. Example of Course Certificate – dates, place, hours, signature line, etc.			
10. Example of Course Evaluation that assess training experience.			
11. Any tools used to measure training transfer – Level 3 evaluation			
12. Course/Company References that will respond to training quality questions – Email addresses and phone numbers			
13. Other:			

MT POST Council - Curriculum Committee Members,

I am writing to convey my personal and professional opinions regarding Street Cop Training (SCT). It is my understanding that your committee will be discussing SCT soon. Since early this year, many state POST councils have done so, largely stemming from negative feedback from the SCT Conference in 2021, Atlantic City, NJ. I did not attend that conference, but I was able to view several of the presentations remotely.

I am a twenty-four-year Law Enforcement (LE) Veteran and a USMC Veteran. I began my LE career in 1994. I became a Law Enforcement Instructor in 2009. I went on to attain specialized instructor training in the disciplines of Firearms, LE Driving, Pursuit Termination Techniques, and Standardized Field Sobriety Tests.

I have attended over 7,000 hours of advanced LE training all around the country. I, like many of you, have been to good training, great training and poor training. I have had great instructors, horrible instructors and every kind of instructor in between. At the end of every one of those training days, I left with new tools or methods in my toolbox and often left with some examples of what not to do.

Let me tell you firsthand, since 2012 SCT has been revolutionizing many aspects of LE. Probably the single most important thing SCT did for LE was they proved through research and presentation that passenger side approaches save cop's lives. So many states and academies fought that concept. Passenger side approaches were proven. They were not and still are not expected, you can see more, you have a tactical advantage and the officer is out of the traffic way.

SCT was a driving force in educating officers on case law, teaching what was binding case law and what was persuasive case law. SCT taught officers how to research case law and how it applies to their US District and State by teaching how to use Google Scholar properly. That created confident young cops. Cops that new the law and new they could do something or not do something because the law said so. Cops were then doing things, not because some veteran officer said he/she could or couldn't do it, but because they knew their actions were founded in the law. In my opinion, a byproduct was that veterans had to put in the academic work and start learning some more. I was included in that and I became a better cop, better FTO and better Supervisor.

Taking classes from SCT and following the information they were pushing out for free, saved countless lives and educated the masses. COVID shenanigans brought training in many jurisdictions to a near halt. SCT brought many classes to the end user Cop via On Demand and Social Media shorts and clips. They really changed the scene for criminal interdiction work and began educating (again for free, via social media) cops on looking for and

articulating suspicious driving behaviors, body language and roadside interviewing, all backed up by case law. Many of the successful classes they had for traditional in person, were modified and put out for free so Cops could learn and continue to get better fighting crime.

So, back to the 2021 SCT Conference. I initially questioned why in 2023 action was being taken by a non-LE entity in NJ against SCT about presentations that took place more than two years prior. A short open-source investigation revealed it was all political. None of the conference goers complained. The complaint came months later, from a third party that had an agenda. SCT was dominating the LE training market in New England and across the country while other companies were suffering. At that conference in 2021, was there some unprofessional language, story-telling and conjecture by some speakers? Yes. Is that professional? No. Does it happen at other trainings, by other companies, by other instructors? Yes it does. Sometimes the language and stories are relevant.

Many topics in LE teachings require context. That context is given through stories, often graphic, passionate and detailed. I am not making excuses, but I will say I have been to several HIDTA sponsored courses that were horrible, unprofessional and absolutely lacked relevance. I have been to some that were great. HIDTA courses are here to stay. I have yet to take a bad SCT course.

SCT regrouped after the NJ OSC fallout. They retrained their remaining people. I have sent along a letter prepared by their attorney. Feel free to reach out to Dennis Benigno, the founder of SCT. His cell is 732-261-3330.

I am available to answer any questions that I can and to elaborate if needed. Before any negative decision on whether SCT courses are granted POST credit, I encourage one or all of you to audit a course. I know Dennis would make that happen.

I believe in SCT for many reasons. Mostly, because I would not be where I am today without them. I firmly believe the Line of Duty Deaths would be higher each year without SCT, as they have literally transformed so much for the Rookie Cop, especially in small jurisdictions.

Thank you for your time,

Brian Munro

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Course run down for Pro-Active Patrol / Becoming a Street Smart Cop Seminar

(When we are scheduled to train in a particular state we ensure that only your state's laws and case law is instructed. We also provide other state case law specific to all students that attend from outside states.)

8am – 9:30 am – Introduction and understanding modern day policing and perspective – We start by exploring the progression of police work. We discuss how we've become very reliant on technology and explore 5 principles to adopt to become significantly more effective. In this block we also discuss the importance of mental health, resiliency, and the importance of work ethic. This block sets the stage for the remainder of the course.

9:30 – 11:00 – Search and Seizure / Case Law that every cop needs to know - We have hand selected 25 of the most important US Supreme Court decisions that effect about 90% of the things that most police officers use in their line of work. We also correlate those decisions to local rulings and explain how states utilize those decisions. We have identified a huge gap in knowing how to police and knowing how to police with vast constitutional knowledge. There are several "real life" videos integrated in this block to emphasize constitutionally compliant actions vs non-compliant ones. Case law is discussed and addressed throughout the entire program.

11:00-12:00 Hindering Apprehension and Identifying a wanted person – In this block the student will learn several tactics to determine whether or not they are speaking with a fugitive from justice. Many different factors will be discussed including the great societal impact officers can have when a dangerous wanted person is brought to justice. This is done through technology and tactics that are more appropriate in today's police setting. In this block we have several videos that programs the reticular activating system giving the attendee the ability to recognize simple tells of a person providing false information and the permitted legal actions.

1:00 – 2:00 pm - Officer Safety and the Motor Vehicle Stop – In this block the student will watch videos regarding different roadside tactics on motor vehicle stops. They will be shown the value of a passenger side approach and multiple officer approaches. We will also cover ambushes and how to survive one roadside. We have received reports back that this block has been responsible for the lives of officers being saved while roadside directly related to our training.

2:00-4:00 Criminal activity on our roadways – In this block we will discuss and provide visual aides on common trends in drug trade. We will also discuss the principles of understanding the behaviors of a driver engaged in criminal behavior. The student will learn vehicle positioning, picking proper locations, police vehicle setup and the psychological and physiological effects of a law enforcement presence will have. We will watch several videos from police dashcams and the officer will be put through a training cycle that will open their eyes to crime permanently. We are confident when we say that we have created a few of the most amazing training videos that the law enforcement community has ever seen.

The student will also learn how to determine if they are in the presence of criminal activity based on a systematic process. In this process the student will learn the legalities of an interview, proper questioning, and proper and improper responses to questioning. They will also be able to better

understand body language, micro-expressions, and what they are experiencing roadside that they may not have been conscious of before. This is the litmus test that allows officers to readily determine if they are in the presence of criminal activity in the motor vehicle setting. The development, explanation, and proper documentation of reasonable suspicion is emphasized heavily in this block.



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Owner, Street Cop Training

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Dennis Benigno began law enforcement career in 2001 at 19 years of age as a NJ Corrections Officer. In 2004 Benigno became a police officer with the US Park Police Dept. in Washington, DC and in 2005 moved over to the position of police officer with the Woodbridge, NJ police department. Dennis has received multiple awards including but not limited to Lifesaving, Meritorious Service, Mayor's Award for Excellence in Public Service, Several Letters of Recognition, Leadership awards and Certificates of Appreciation from several law enforcement organizations.

As a police officer Benigno has affected over 1,500 arrests and has conducted well over 10,000.00 motor vehicle stops.

Benigno has attended 3 police academies and has acquired a comprehensive understanding of effective methods for training police officers. Dennis has attended and had a vast amount of advanced training in the area of legal code and criminal interdiction. He was an extremely effective pro-active and re-active police officer and was able to recreate very effective training methods for new officers in his role as an FTO. Those training methods were the foundation for his training courses. In 2012 Street Cop Training was founded and Benigno has since then instructed over 6,000 police officers. The foundational program known as pro-active patrol / becoming a Street Smart Cop has been regarded as one of the most powerful universal training courses in the nation. Answering the call and providing police officers with some of the most useful and practical training is Benigno's passion. His mission has been having a profound impact nationally as he continues to travel from state to state delivering his knowledge, skills, and message that have saved the lives of officers and brought a countless number of offenders at every level to justice.

Street Cop Training continues to be a monumental training organization providing police officers with the most effective instruction taught by some of the nation's premiere law enforcement officers. Benigno began a free online resource for training police officers through a Facebook group under the company name "Street cop training." As of October 2018 that group had a membership of over 22,000 confirmed police officers and growing. Benigno holds his role as a law enforcement educator and leader to the highest regard of professionalism and authenticity backed by accurate and legal educational seminars.

- I shall conduct myself at times in a manner consistent with the highest ethical standards.
- My actions as an instructor will always protect my students' physical and mental well-being. I will act unselfishly in this aspect with the highest regard for others as my foundation.
- I will conduct myself in a manner that will bring credit to the law enforcement profession. I will carry out my duties for the highest public good and strive vigilantly to be free from personal or private interest motivations that could negatively affect the public's perspective of me and my profession.
- My personal standards of behavior will allow me to remain objective, fair, and present impartial decisions in my instructions and actions. My strength of character will prevent ethical problems, and I will accept only those benefits that are reasonably judged to be fair and unrelated to any of my pending/future decisions or actions.
- Honesty, courtesy, consideration, and respect for the rights and privileges of students, fellow instructors, and citizens throughout the State will be my guiding values and principles.
- Knowing that my conduct affects the efficiency, safety, and discipline of my classes, I shall strive to be the instructor that students wish to teach them. My classes shall be free of conduct that could be deemed as harassing, profane, demeaning, discriminatory, harmful, or unfair.
- My attitude shall reflect an "ethical state of mind" in all areas of instruction. Characteristics of my classroom will include optimism, enthusiasm, confidence, commitment, honor, and appreciation of my moral obligations instead of the tools of cynicism.