PERF, in partnership with the Vera Institute of Justice and the Cheektowaga Police Department, will hold an **ICAT Training Orientation Meeting on Thursday, September 19 at Erie Community College North Campus in Williamsville, NY.**

This training is free of charge, and strictly limited to employees of law enforcement agencies in the state of New York.

At the meeting, PERF experts and trainers from agencies that have experience in delivering ICAT training will discuss and demonstrate how to implement the ICAT curriculum (www.policeforum.org/icat).

ICAT is an integrated training approach that helps officers safely and effectively defuse many types of encounters. It is designed especially for situations involving persons who are unarmed or are armed with weapons other than firearms, and who may be experiencing a mental health or other crisis.

Even officers trained in crisis intervention and other programs may not possess the full range of skills—crisis recognition, communications, tactics, and decision-making—needed to handle these types of very challenging situations. What makes ICAT unique is that it equips first responding officers with additional tools and options beyond drawing their firearms and shouting commands (such as "drop the knife"). By emphasizing scenario-based training, ICAT gives officers both the skills and the confidence to defuse many of these situations so that everyone can leave the encounter safely.

Here are additional details about the upcoming meeting:

Location:

Erie Community College North Campus
Gleasner Hall Auditorium
6205 Main Street
Williamsville, New York 14221

Date/Time:

Thursday, September 19, 2019

9:00am – 5:00pm

Cost:

There is <u>no charge</u> for attending this meeting. However, attendance is strictly limited to law enforcement employees in the state of New York. Participants must cover their own travel, meals, and lodging costs.

How to Register:

Please register for the meeting via PERF's website at this link

https://www.policeforum.org/index.php?option=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=72&eventId=556242&orgId=perf

Lodging:

There are numerous hotels close to the airport and the training site. For your convenience, we have included contact information for several of them. Note that there is no group rate/room block associated with the training.

Wyndham Garden Buffalo Williamsville
5195 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
(716) 276-9600
https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/williamsville-new-york/wyndham-garden-williamsville-buffalo/overview

Hilton Garden Inn Buffalo Airport
4201 Genesee St.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
(716) 565-0040
https://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-york/hilton-garden-inn-buffalo-airport-BUFAGGI/index.html

Hampton Inn & Suites Buffalo Airport
133 Buell Ave.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
(716) 631-0200
https://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-york/hampton-inn-and-suites-buffalo-airport-BUFATHX/index.html

Courtyard by Marriott Buffalo Airport
4243 Genesee St.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
(716) 633-2700
https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bufap-courtyard-buffalo-airport/

Aloft Buffalo Airport
4219 Genesee St.
Buffalo, NY 14225
(716) 626-1800
https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bufal-aloft-buffalo-airport/

Here are answers to some **commonly asked questions:**

What are the ICAT training orientation meetings?

Each one-day session includes a presentation of the ICAT curriculum, which covers critical decision-making, crisis recognition and response, tactical communications, and operational tactics.

Police personnel from agencies that have experience with ICAT will help present the training material. Because scenario-based training is at the heart of ICAT, we will also discuss and demonstrate how to conduct effective scenarios that bring the various ICAT components together. These meetings are not philosophical discussions of the principles underlying ICAT. Rather, the meetings are practical sessions geared toward understanding the component parts of ICAT and implementing the program in your agency.

Who should attend?

Because ICAT requires a broad organizational commitment, we recommend that each interested agency send a team of perhaps up to three officials to the meeting. These could include the chief, or someone at the assistant-chief or deputy-chief level who would have overall responsibility for implementing ICAT. You might consider your agency's experts on crisis intervention and communications, as well as tactics, and/or a forward-thinking leader in your training academy. A representative from your agency's communications center (such as a dispatch supervisor) would

also be appropriate. If you are unable to send more than one person, that is fine; the important thing is that participants be interested in implementing the program.

Is there a charge to attend the ICAT meetings?

No. <u>There is no charge for attending this session.</u> Participants are responsible for their own travel, meals and lodging costs.

Are ICAT materials available for review?

Yes. The complete ICAT curriculum—including sample lesson plans, PowerPoint files, recommended video case studies, and scenario-based training scripts—can be found on PERF's website at www.policeforum.org/icat. It is recommended that attendees review these materials in advance of the meeting.
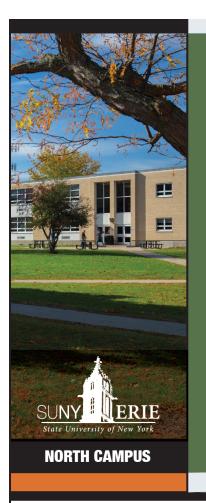
What if I have more questions?

If you have questions about ICAT or the upcoming meetings, please contact Jason Cheney (202-454-8331 or jcheney@policeforum.org).

We anticipate a strong response, so please register as soon as possible. **Space for the meeting is limited, and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.**

We are especially grateful to our partners at the Vera Institute of Justice and the Cheektowaga Police Department for their support.

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NORTH CAMPUS

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B – Bretschger Hall

100 Wing: Center for Nanotechnology
Electrical Engineering
Vision Care Technology

200 Wing: Office Management

300 Wing: Business Administration
Industrial Technology

400 Wing: Criminal Justice
Lecture Hall

500 Wing: Civil Engineering
Construction Management
Health Information
Technology

600 Wing: Biotechnological Science
Clinical Lab
Emergency Management
Technology
Lecture Hall
Medical Assisting

700 Wing: Law Enforcement Training
Academy
Mechanical Engineering

C – Mary Lou Rath Child Care Center

● *ADA access to North Campus
STEM Building is fully ADA compliant*

D – Library
English Skills Center
Math Learning Center
Pathways Classroom

G – Gleasner Hall
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Dietetic Technology
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One-Stop Center
Pathways Office
Respiratory Care
Testing Center
Veterans Office
Welcome Center

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General Studies
Humanities
Lecture Hall
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Nursing
Occupational Therapy
Social Science

L – Gymnasium
Health, Wellness and Physical Education

N – Facilities/Maintenance
Duplicating
Mailroom
Receiving

S – Spring Student Center
Admissions
Bookstore
Bursar
Cafeteria
College Safety
Financial Aid
Health Office
Hospitality Management
Registrar
School of Dental Hygiene
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