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Dear Law Enforcement Officers,

The following pages contain an updated version of the original NTOA Police Training Fatality Report dated December 28, 2005. The first section contains training fatalities which occurred in 2006. The remaining information was divided into sections by type of incident.

The information in the report was compiled in the same manner as the original version. Most of the information was found on the internet by searching individual agency and association memorial pages, online newspaper articles and "The Officer Down Memorial Pages". Whenever more than one source was found, information was compared for consistency and whenever possible, data was combined to form a more complete description of events. Unfortunately in some cases, very little information could be found.

The remainder of the information contained in this report was contributed by several readers of the previous report. Through their kindness, a more detailed and accurate report has been made possible.

The two last sections of this report, "Training Deaths by Aircraft and Vehicle Accidents" and "Training Deaths by Falls and Trauma" will be added as soon as they are completed. Please check back for these updates.

Anyone who would like to provide additional information or alert me to any inaccuracies, please contact me at resourcelibrary@ntoa.org
I would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

Please use this report as an awareness tool and to justify better safety measures.

Be safe.

Respectfully,
Elaine Crunkleton
Resource Library

2006 Police Training Fatalities

January 23, 2006

Key West Police Department, Florida

Detective John Michael Piskator

Detective Piskator, promoted just the week before, collapsed while jogging with the Special Response Team. Despite CPR efforts at the scene, he died from the heart attack. A former Army Airborne Ranger and intelligence officer, he won the leadership award before graduating from the local police academy in 2004. He was a popular bicycle officer on the Key West Police Department and well-known as a local athlete. In 2005, he placed second overall in an area kayaking-running-biking triathlon. Detective Piskator was 41 years old and was survived by his 12 year-old son.

February 24, 2006

Pasadena Police Department, California

Officer Kyle Ballard

Officer Ballard collapsed in the morning at the Rose Bowl after completing two laps around the stadium with other officers during a training session for an annual law enforcement relay race. At only 30 years old, he had participated in the race several times. Fellow officers and paramedics tried their best to revive him but he passed away from the heart attack at the hospital approximately one hour later. Officer Ballard had worked for eight years in the agency, both in patrol as well as special operations. He was survived by his wife and three young sons, ages 3, 2 and 6 months.

April 7, 2006

Saraland Police Department, Alabama

Corporal Anthony Maurice Andrews

On March 31st, Corporal Andrews, a member of the SWAT team and bicycle unit, collapsed during routine fitness exercises. He was jogging at the time and although a fellow officer and paramedics performed CPR, Corporal Andrews never regained consciousness and died in the hospital one week later on April 7th. Corporal Andrews had also served in the Army National Guard and spent two years in Iraq where he survived a roadside bomb attack in 2004. Corporal Andrews had a wife and three children.

May 1, 2006

San Francisco Police Department, California

Sergeant Darryl Tsujimoto

Sergeant Tsujimoto, age 41, had just run approximately a half-mile while participating in K-9 training exercises when he collapsed from a heart attack and was pronounced dead shortly after at the hospital. Sergeant Tsujimoto was well-known for his expertise in training K-9's and many agencies sent officers to train with him. A 15-year veteran of the agency, he lead their award-winning Tactical Company Canine Unit and also trained and donated many K-9's over the years. Upon his death, the two K-9's Sergeant Tsujimoto owned and handled were retired and returned to his fiancée.

November 7, 2006

Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, Virginia

Deputy Sheriff William Tiedeman

Deputy Sheriff Tiedeman, age 54, had a heart attack and collapsed during defensive tactics training at the Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Training Center and was pronounced dead at the hospital despite intensive life-saving efforts by a fellow deputy. A 12-year veteran of the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriff Tiedeman also had a 23-year career in the Navy where he had been a helicopter mechanic and a search-and-rescue swimmer. He was also a current member of the Kempsville Rescue Squad and taught CPR and first aid at a nearby community college. He is survived by his wife, son (also a deputy with the same agency) and his 3-year old grandson.

November 10, 2006

Colorado State Patrol, Colorado

Cadet Timothy Pudder

Only four weeks from completing the rigorous 22-week course, Cadet Pudder, age 40, collapsed during survival training at Camp George West. The former prison guard was playing the role of a trooper being attacked and was wearing a suit with heavy padding. Upon completing the first phase of the exercise, attending paramedics became aware he was overly exhausted and while they were monitoring his vital signs, he went into full cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead shortly after at Lutheran Hospital in Denver. All applicants are required to have extensive medical evaluations and pass a physical exam prior to being accepted. Cadet Pudder is survived by his wife and four children, ages 18, 16, 5 and 3.

December 6, 2006

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bowling Green, Virginia

Supervisory Special Agent Gregory Rahoi

S.S.A. Gregory Rahoi, age 38, was shot in a live-fire training exercise conducted at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. At the time of the accident, he was wearing both ballistic body armor and a helmet. He was flown to Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, Virginia but the wound proved fatal. S.S.A. Rahoi had been with the agency for nine years and had been a member of the Hostage Rescue Team for the past six years. S.S.A. Rahoi was honored posthumously with two awards, the FBI Medal of Valor for his recent service in Iraq with the Hostage Rescue Team, and the FBI Memorial Star Medal. The medals were presented to his parents and fiancée at his memorial service.

Police Training Fatalities by Gunshot

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*Entries with** indicate corrected or updated information from original report.*

***March 5, 1913**

Spokane Police Department, Washington

Officer Frederick E. Goddard

Officer Goddard was accidentally shot during a training exercise and died. He was the first black member of his agency to die in the line of duty. Officer Goddard had served in law enforcement for five years and was survived by his wife, four children and his brother.

***February 12, 1939**

Spokane Police Department, Washington

Officer John H. Miller

Officer Miller was accidentally shot and killed while attending an FBI training school in Washington, DC. The accident occurred as a result of practicing "quick draws" with another attendee. The other officer forgot he had reloaded his weapon when Officer Miller requested to run through the exercise one last time before dinner. The shot struck him in the head.

June 24, 1971

Wilmington Police Department, North Carolina

Officer C.A. Davis

Officer Davis was accidentally shot at the police station by another officer practicing his quick-draw.

June 18, 1973

Camden Police Department, Arkansas

Patrolman Grady Van Wilson

Patrolman Wilson was accidentally shot while attending a training course at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in East Camden. Following a day of training, he and his roommate returned to their dorm room. While practicing their techniques, the roommate pointed his revolver at Patrolman Wilson and thinking it was not loaded pulled the trigger, shooting him in the abdomen. Patrolman Wilson died at the hospital.

****April 21, 1977**

Oklahoma City Police Department, Oklahoma

Sergeant Terry Glenn Lawson

Sergeant Lawson was accidentally shot at point blank range with a blank cartridge during a training exercise. He and other veteran officers were training rookies in felony traffic stops. Sergeant Lawson died a short time after being admitted to the hospital.

August 9, 1977

Hickory Police Department, North Carolina

Officer Jerald Wayne Maynor

Officer Maynor was accidentally shot when another officer dropped her weapon during a weapon maintenance class. The other officer was in the process of reloading and securing the weapon when it fell. The round struck Officer Maynor in the heart, killing him instantly.

May 2, 1979

Arkansas Department of Corrections, Arkansas

Correctional Officer Ronald Opie McPherson

Accidentally shot and killed during a SWAT training exercise, Officer McPherson was the first known SWAT team officer to die in the line of duty.

August 17, 1979

Farmington Police Department, New Mexico

Lt. Owen A. Landdeck

Lt. Landdeck was accidentally shot and killed in an academy training exercise as he was playing the role of a deranged husband in a simulated domestic violence event. The scenario called for him to draw his weapon and point it at a cadet who had assumed the role of the officer. The cadet's gun was loaded with live round instead of blanks. Lt. Landdeck had 20 years law enforcement experience and is survived by his wife, daughter and son.

July 5, 1981

Fredericton Police Department, New Brunswick, Canada

Constable Perley S. Calhoun

Constable Calhoun was accidentally shot while participating in a training exercise.

July 18, 1982

Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, Lawrence County, TN

Deputy Sheriff James A. Lovelace

Deputy Sheriff Lovelace was accidentally shot in the chest and fatally wounded during a department training exercise. He and a fellow deputy were practicing a disarming technique when the weapon discharged.

September 16, 1983

Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas

Captain Robert R. Jones

Captain Jones was accidentally shot and killed by a fellow officer who was demonstrating weapon-handling technique. The officer drew his fully-loaded Magnum .357 which discharged, hitting Captain Jones in the chest. Captain Jones had 34 years of law enforcement experience.

November 9, 1983

Apache Junction, Arizona

Officer Russell Lowell Duncan

Officer Duncan was accidentally shot and killed during a felony stop and arrest training exercise. Officer Duncan was posing as the suspect. The 'arresting' officer was using his duty weapon which had not been properly cleared.

****August 24, 1984**

U.S. Capitol Police, Washington, D.C.

Sergeant Christopher S. Eney

Sergeant Eney was accidentally shot and killed by another SWAT officer during a training exercise that was being conducted at a vacant building on Capitol Hill. After the actual training event had completed, the two chose to run through the exercise one additional time. A live round hit Sergeant Eney in the lower back and he died in the hospital approximately one hour later. He was survived by his wife and two young daughters.

August 16, 1985

Aurora Police Department, Colorado

Officer Thomas J. Dietzman, Jr.

Officer Dietzman was accidentally shot and killed while qualifying for the SWAT team. Officer Dietzman had already taken the physical fitness test and was the first applicant to take the firearms proficiency test. During the scenario, he was accidentally shot in the back of the head with a Mac-10 submachine gun. Officer Dietzman had five years of law enforcement experience.

February 23, 1986

West Jordan Police Department, Utah

Officer Thomas M. Rees

Officer Rees was accidentally shot and killed with his own service weapon during training exercises. While participating in an exercise that demonstrated techniques for preventing suspects from taking officers' weapons, Officer Rees was shot in the chest when his weapon discharged. He died at a hospital approximately two hours later.

****July 9, 1986**

Clayton County Sheriff's Department, Georgia

Lieutenant Robert Gerald Bridges

During a SWAT training exercise, Lieutenant Bridges was accidentally shot and killed by a fellow officer with a .38 caliber revolver. Live ammunition had been unintentionally mixed into the training rounds.

December 10, 1987

Fort Wayne Police Department, Indiana

Officer Omega Graham

Officer Graham, age 25, was accidentally shot and killed while participating in training exercises at the police academy. Officer Graham and several other officers were role-playing in a landlord-tenant dispute when he was shot in the chest with a .38 caliber handgun that was supposed to have been emptied prior to the training. Officer Graham leaves a daughter, mother, three sisters and four brothers.

April 11, 1990

Cedar Hill Police Department, Texas

Patrolman Grady Morris Lamb

Officer Lamb was accidentally shot and killed by a fellow officer during a training drill. He had been with the agency for two years. At age 24, he was survived by his wife and son.

****August 12, 1991**

United States Air Force Security Police

Security Policeman Sean Elms

While training in an area designated as non-live fire, Security Policeman Elms was killed when hit by live fire from an AR-15 rifle. The training exercises were being conducted at Fort Dix, New Jersey. The weapon was accidentally discharged by a security policeman behind him while they ran and dove into a prone position behind cover.

****October 12, 1992**

North Charleston Police Department, South Carolina

Officer James Simmons

Officer Simmons, with the agency for only six months, was accidentally shot and killed by a fellow officer at a seminar they were attending in Louisville, Kentucky. He was 29 years old and was survived by his sons.

February 6, 1993

Niagara Regional Police, Ontario, Canada

Constable Jeffrey Paolozzi

An advocate of officer street survival, Constable Paolozzi surprised another officer with a baseball bat at a scheduled training event in an attempt to evaluate the officer's defensive response. The startled officer accidentally shot and killed him. Constable Paolozzi was a member of the Emergency Task Unit.

March 30, 1993

Brookfield, Wisconsin

Corporal Jeffrey Gusinda

Corporal Gusinda, age 32, was accidentally shot and killed by a rookie officer during handgun training. He was survived by his parents and a sister.

October 20, 1993

Rock Island Police Department, Illinois

Auxiliary Officer Todd Johnson

Auxiliary Officer Johnson, age 24, was accidentally shot during the demonstration of a disarming technique. The officer who disarmed him was unaware Officer Johnson had reloaded his weapon when he thought the training exercises had concluded. The other officer took the weapon from him, pointed it and fired, killing Officer Johnson instantly. He was survived by his parents and a brother.

October 24, 1993 (four days later)

Same department as above

Auxiliary Captain Richard Shurtz

Auxiliary Captain Shurtz accidentally shot himself in the abdomen while showing another officer how Auxiliary Officer Johnson was shot and killed three days earlier. Captain Shurtz had removed the magazine from his weapon but forgot to remove the chambered round. Captain Shurtz died the following day.

December 25, 1993

Orange County Sheriff's Department, California

Deputy Darryn L. Robins

Deputy Robins, age 30, was accidentally shot and killed on Christmas Day by a fellow deputy during an impromptu re-enactment of an earlier traffic stop. Deputy Robins was playing the part of the suspect while the other deputy was posing as the arresting officer. The other deputy, a training officer, had neglected to completely empty his weapon prior to the exercise. Deputy Robins was shot in the face. He was survived by his wife and one year-old daughter.

May 15, 1994

Palo Alto Police Department, California

Reserve Officer Theodore Herman Brassinga

Reserve Officer Brassinga, age 33, was accidentally shot and killed on an Amtrak train during a multi-jurisdictional training session in preparation for the 1994 World Cup Soccer Tournament. The training exercise, held at the Gilroy train station, was based on a scenario of a terrorist hostage-taking event, and Brassinger played the role of a terrorist. He was shot in the side of the abdomen by an officer whose handgun contained at least one live bullet despite safety checks. The existing safety procedures called for two range masters to inspect all weapons prior to starting each session. During the weapons check, one rangemaster's gun was found to contain live rounds, leading to a discussion that diverted the officers' attention from carefully checking the 9mm automatic handgun belonging to the second rangemaster. It was the second rangemaster who fired the fatal shot. Officer Brassinger was survived by his wife and their 14-month old son.

August 26, 1996

Louisiana Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Probation Officer David Glen Seymour

Probation Officer Seymour was accidentally shot and killed during training at the state police academy. The training exercise, a simulation of a high-risk traffic stop, was interrupted by rain and resumed about an hour later. There were 36 officers from various agencies participating in the exercise. One, a state trooper who was an instructor at the state police training facility, fired his .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun and hit Officer Seymour in the upper left chest. Probation Officer Seymour, age 28, died a short time later at the hospital, leaving behind his wife and their 5-year old son.

March 4, 1999

Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska

Trooper Mark Paul Wagner

State Trooper Wagner was shot and killed by a fellow officer during a defensive tactics training exercise at the State Patrol Headquarters in North Platte. A Glock .45-caliber handgun discharged and struck him in the chest. It was later found that the weapon had been reloaded during a break because the other officer was unaware it would be used later. Trooper Wagner, age 37 and an 11 year veteran, was survived by his wife and 3 daughters.

****September 12, 2000**

Sarasota County Fire Department, Florida

Firefighter Paramedic Michael Yahraus

On September 11, Firefighter Paramedic Michael Yahraus was attending the Sarasota County Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy in preparation for becoming a law enforcement officer and medic with the Sarasota PD SWAT team. Firefighter Paramedic Yahraus was the driver of one of the vehicles used in a simulated high-risk traffic stop exercise. He was standing on the driver's side of his vehicle after the stop had been performed when another officer, playing the suspect, exited his vehicle, turned and fired a single shot at the "arresting" officers. The weapon used was a .38-caliber pistol loaded with blanks. The firing of the blank dislodged a lead plug that was installed in the barrel of the training weapon. The lead plug broke the windshield, ricocheted off the window post and struck the firefighter paramedic in the left eye area. Despite all efforts, he died the following day. An investigation revealed that blank cartridges should not have been used in the training weapon. Gas expelled by the blank when fired and debris such as the wadding which is in the blank can create enough pressure to force the lead plug out of the gun. It was determined that the proper cartridge for use in the training weapon would have been a primer round. Firefighter Paramedic Yahraus, age 32, leaves his wife and three children, ages 6, 2, and 5 months.

September 12, 2000

Clackamas County Sheriff's Department, Oregon

Deputy Sheriff William Douglas Bowman

While training with his fellow SWAT team members at Camp Rilea, Deputy Bowman was accidentally shot in the head and killed. He and ten other officers were practicing entry techniques in a mock building when a live round discharged from a teammate's weapon. It was later determined that prior to the accident, the marksman who fired the shot had been in the SWAT transport van with his teammates reloading their weapons after a lunch break. The marksman was having difficulties loading a magazine into his rifle and grabbed another magazine from a drawer in the van. This drawer however, was always stocked with live ammunition for SWAT callouts. No safety check was done before training resumed. Deputy Sheriff Bowman, age 36, leaves behind two children.

****June 7, 2001**

Arlington Police Department, Texas

Corporal Joseph Cushman

Corporal Cushman, age 26, was accidentally shot and killed while conducting training exercises for response to active shooter situations at Ousley Junior High School. All the officers were wearing helmets and vests and all bullets used were supposed to be rubber. Corporal Cushman, the department's 1998 Rookie of the Year, and a second instructor were demonstrating a drill to the group of about 15 SWAT trainees when the other instructor's 9mm Glock discharged striking Corporal Cushman in the head with a live round. He was pronounced dead at a Fort Worth hospital about three hours later.

October 17, 2001

Calgary Police Service, Alberta, Canada

Constable Darren L. Beatty

Constable Beatty was accidentally shot and killed during a training exercise when a live round discharged.

December 27, 2001

East Providence Police Department, Rhode Island

Major Alister C. McGregor

Major McGregor, at the time a captain, was accidentally shot and killed during training exercises for school bus hostage rescues. The 12-man SWAT team was on a break in the training when the incident occurred. The team's long rifle marksman was standing on the roof of a bus 75 feet away. He was looking through the scope of his rifle when the weapon suddenly discharged. The single live round hit the team commander in the head. The rifle, which was not used in the training exercises that day, was brought in during the break and had not been properly cleared for admittance into the training area. Captain McGregor, who was survived by his wife and five children, was promoted posthumously to Major.

January 14, 2004

Prattville Police Department, Alabama

Officer Clinton Earl Walker

Several law enforcement agencies were participating in training exercises which were being held at the old site of the Wetumpka Post Office. Officers had been supplied with mock weapons which were of the same weight and size of their own weapons. One participant, a shift supervisor of Officer Walker, resumed possession of his own service weapon at the end of the training session and forgetting which weapon he was carrying, accidentally shot Officer Walker in the abdomen. Officer Walker, age 26, was survived by his wife, Amanda.

***March 25, 2005**

Easton Police Department, Pennsylvania

Officer Jesse Sollman

Officer Sollman was shot and killed at the conclusion of SWAT training exercises as he and two other officers cleaned weapons in a secondary gun cleaning room at police headquarters. One officer's weapon, an H & K 40 caliber semi-automatic pistol, discharged striking Officer Sollman in the back. He died at the scene and was survived by his wife, daughter and son.

September 13, 2005

Kennesaw Police Department, Georgia

Officer Tara Drummond

Officer Drummond, age 23 and a member of the Kennesaw Police Department for only four months, was accidentally shot while attending training exercises at the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy. She was shot during a firearms training session when the instructor's firearm discharged as he was performing a demonstration. Officer Drummond was transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to the wound.

November 22, 2005

Mexia School District Police Department, Texas

Sergeant Scott Neal

Sergeant Neal, age 31, was accidentally shot in the head while he and six other officers participated in a SWAT training exercise. The incident occurred around noon in an abandoned fire department building. All the weapons used in the exercise were thought to have been checked and it was unknown how a live round could have remained in the one weapon. Sergeant Neal, who had been on the force for three years was survived by his wife and four-year-old daughter.

***December 6, 2006**

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bowling Green, Virginia

Supervisory Special Agent Gregory Rahoi

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Police Training Fatalities Heart Attacks and Other Medical-Related Causes

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***October 20, 1973**

Ventura County Sheriff's Office, California

Lieutenant Harvey "Hank" Varat

On October 16, 1973, Lieutenant Varat was leading a search and rescue training exercise with a team of deputies in the Santa Susanna Mountains. During the training which involved climbing and rappelling, he was bitten by a tick infected with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The disease went undetected and Lieutenant Varat, age 35, died four days later. A 14-year veteran of the agency, he was closely involved with development of the S.W.A.T., Deep-Sea Diving, and Search and Rescue teams. He was survived by his wife and son.

***April 17, 1980**

Washington County Sheriff's Office, Oregon

Deputy Sheriff Marc Bump

While attending training exercises at the police academy, Deputy Bump died from a brain aneurysm. He was survived by his wife and children.

***May 23, 1982**

La Grande Police Department, Oregon

Corporal Gary L. Byassee

Corporal Byassee died two months after receiving a leg injury in a training class in California. After returning home, blood clots formed near the site of the injury and moved to his lungs. Despite receiving medical treatment, he died. Corporal Byassee, age 30, had been with his agency for six years and left behind his wife and two daughters.

***November 3, 1982**

Piqua Police Department

Detective Robert C. Taylor

On November 2, 1982, Detective Taylor was participating in department training exercises. The exercise was strenuous, involving running and shooting multiple firearms while being timed. Within a minute of completing the course, Detective Taylor had a heart attack. His fellow officers performed CPR but Detective Taylor died a few hours later. Detective Taylor had been with the agency for 26 years and was survived by his wife and three children.

***February 28, 1984**

New Iberia Police Department, Louisiana

Officer Warren Narcisse, Jr.

Officer Narcisse was participating in a building and search class at the police academy. Just as the exercise was near completion, he came in contact with an electrical line and died as a result. Officer Narcisse had been with the agency for one month.

***April 3, 1985**

Miami Beach Police Department

Officer Robert E. Fitzpatrick

Officer Fitzpatrick died when a blood clot moved from his knee to his heart. The knee injury occurred during training exercises. He was survived by his wife and a son.

***July 15, 1986**

Johnson's County Sheriff's Department, Tennessee

Investigator John Ralph Cunningham

Investigator Cunningham, age 53 and with the agency for one year, had a heart attack while attending the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy. He had participated in a required physical training exercise and was stricken in the locker room shortly after. He was survived by his wife and four children.

***February 5, 1988**

North Carolina Highway Patrol

Cadet W. E. Bayless III

Cadet Bayless, age 23, died from a heart attack while participating in a required boxing drill at the Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh. Cadet Bayless had been with the Highway Patrol for six months and would have graduated from the Training Center the following week. He was survived by his son.

***February 13, 1987**

Spokane Police Department, Washington

Sergeant Robbin B. Best

Sergeant Best was training with the SWAT team at Spokane Community College when he suffered a heart attack. He was transported to a local hospital where he died shortly after.

***August 11, 1988**

United States Department of the Interior, United States Park Police

Sergeant Ricardo M. Preston

Sergeant Preston, age 37, succumbed to a heart attack while participating in SWAT training exercises in Washington, DC. Sergeant Preston had been with the Park Police for 14 years. In 2002, a portion of the Anacostia Operations Facility was dedicated in memory of his service.

***September 15, 1988**

Florida Department of Corrections, Florida

Lieutenant Charles Andrew Cooper

Lieutenant Cooper, assigned to the Cross City Correctional Institution, had a heart attack while participating in first responder training exercises at the Forehand Training Center.

***November 2, 1988**

Pittsfield Police Department, Massachusetts

Officer Timothy Shepard

On September 19, 1988, Officer Shepard, age 25, collapsed from heat stroke and dehydration while in training at the police academy. In the following days, 15 other cadets were hospitalized along with him at the Bay State Medical Center for exhaustion and dehydration as an investigation began to determine if excessively harsh training practices was the cause. Several cadets underwent kidney dialysis treatment. Participants reported they were forced to undergo long hours of running and other strenuous exercises while given insufficient amounts of water. Officer Shepard was later transported to Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh for a liver transplant on September 26 but died on November 2nd from complications. Officer Shepard, who had been with the agency for five months, was survived by his wife and unborn child. The executive director of the training facility later resigned.

***June 27, 1989**

Rossville Police Department, Tennessee

Patrolman Orville Franklin Evans

Patrolman Evans, age 50, collapsed from a heart attack while taking a required training course at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Center. He was stricken during a physical stress test. Patrolman Evans had been with the agency for 6 years and was survived by his wife and one child.

***September 17, 1989**

Derry Police Department, New Hampshire

Sergeant Thomas Christopher Kelly

Sergeant Kelly, age 35, died in his sleep from a duty-related illness. Sergeant Kelly was a 10-year veteran with the agency and served as the training sergeant. He suffered acute respiratory failure after being exposed to lead and associated gases daily for two straight weeks on the firing range. Sergeant Kelly was survived by his pregnant wife and 21-month old son.

***April 10, 1992**

Livonia Police Department, Michigan

Officer James Thomas Kelley

Officer Kelley died from a heart attack while training with the agency's SWAT team.

***June 12, 1992**

Indian River County Sheriff's Department

Corrections Officer Gerald Paulo

Corrections Officer Paulo, age 41, was participating in a one-on-one self defense drill when he had a fatal heart attack.

***May 24, 1993**

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Conservation Warden Patrick Douglas Warner

Warden Warner had just completed training drills for self defense during arrests when he was stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage and died.

***December 7, 1993**

Gloucester County Sheriff's Office, Virginia

Lieutenant Terry Lee Singleton

Lieutenant Singleton, age 44, died from massive heart failure during training exercises with the Special Operations Unit. He was Team Leader for the unit and had been with the agency eight years. Lt. Singleton was survived by his wife, two daughters and one step-daughter.

***May 23, 1995**

Brea Police Department, California

Detective Danny Valenzuela

Detective Valenzuela, age 39, suffered a heart attack during routine bicycle training exercises with officers from several local law enforcement agencies. He collapsed en route from the Westminster to the Fountain Valley police firing range. CPR was administered and he was transported to the Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. He was a 14-year veteran with the agency. Detective Valenzuela was survived by his wife and four children.

***August 24, 1997**

Ravalli County Sheriff's Department, Montana

Deputy Sheriff William Wolfe

Deputy Wolfe, age 50, suffered a heart attack while participating in a required training run at the academy.

***February 11, 1999**

Porter County Sheriff's Department, Indiana

Officer Timothy L. Hecht

Officer Hecht, age 31, suffered a massive heart attack while on a training exercise for the newly formed SWAT team. He was participating in a mile-long run at the time of his collapse. Fellow officers began CPR within seconds but he died at Porter Memorial Hospital without ever regaining consciousness. Officer Hecht had been with the agency for eight years and was survived by his fiancée.

***April 5, 1999**

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, Texas

Special Agent Abdon Cabello

Special Agent Cabello was participating in a required training exercise when he had a heart attack and died. He collapsed during a 1.5 mile run and was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital. Special Agent Cabello was survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

July 27, 1999

Adams County Sheriff's Department, Colorado

Deputy Sheriff Robert Bishop Pollock

Deputy Pollock, age 57, died after being overcome by heat during training exercises. He and five other deputies were learning how to conduct building searches when Deputy Pollock collapsed, stopped breathing and had no pulse. Although CPR was administered immediately by the other deputies and he was flown to a local hospital, he was pronounced dead upon arrival. During the time, most of the nation had been experiencing a severe heat wave for several weeks. Deputy Sheriff Pollock had been with the agency for three years.

***September 30, 1999**

Brick Township Police Department, New Jersey

Officer John J. Lesemann

Officer Lesemann, age 21, died after completing a training run on his sixth day of training at the New Jersey State Police Academy. It was later discovered Officer Lesemann's death was the result of taking ephedra, a then-popular natural supplement, which caused his fatal cardiac arrhythmia. His parents filed a lawsuit against the Canadian company who made the product and were awarded \$2.5 million dollars. Ephedra has been linked to at least 155 deaths, including a major league baseball pitcher and continues to be very controversial. The FDA banned its use on December 31, 2003, but the ban was lifted by a federal court judge soon after. On August 17, 2006, the FDA reinstated the ban.

***October 9, 1999**

Bent County Sheriff's Department, Colorado

Undersheriff Gary Caponera

Undersheriff Caponera was conducting training when he had a massive heart attack. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. He was survived by his wife and two children.

***June 9, 2001**

Forest Park Police Department, Ohio

Officer Charles Leon McDonald

On June 8th, having just passed the test to qualify for the Hamilton County SWAT team, Officer McDonald collapsed from chest-pains and over-exertion. Within hours, his kidneys failed and he died the next day. Officer McDonald, age 35, had been with his agency for six years. He was survived by his son and fiancée.

***October 1, 2001**

Alabama Department of Corrections, Selma, Alabama

Correctional Officer Teresia Wheeler

Officer Wheeler, who had been hired to work at the Bullock Correctional Facility just two months previously, had a heart attack during a mandatory 1.5 mile training run at the Alabama Corrections Academy in Selma. She was 21 years old and was following her mother's footsteps in making a career as a corrections officer.

October 2, 2001

Chicago Police Department, Illinois

Sergeant Hector A. Silva

Sergeant Silva, age 36, died after developing a blood clot in his brain during a training exercise. He had just completed strenuous physical activities with the Special Operations gas team training when he began to feel dizzy. Sergeant Silva was transported to the hospital where he underwent emergency surgery. He died the following day. Sergeant Silva had been with the agency 11 years and is survived by his wife and two children.

***December 5, 2002**

Pima County Sheriff's Department, Arizona

Corrections Sergeant Shannon Russell

Corrections Sgt. Russell, age 43, suffered a heart attack while participating in training exercises with the Corrections Bureau Tactical Assistance Group. He had just completed the new obstacle course at the Arizona H.I.D.T.A. Regional Training Center. Other officers on the scene began CPR immediately but he was pronounced dead at Kino Hospital. Sergeant Russell had been a corrections officer for 12 years and was promoted to sergeant posthumously.

***July 16, 2003**

Portland Air Base Police Department, Oregon

Resource Protection Officer Steven Vance Caddy

Officer Caddy, age 49, collapsed during a scenario training exercise with the Oregon Air National Guard 142nd Security Forces Squadron. He had just handcuffed an "intruder" and was about to search him when he was stricken with a heart attack. Despite all efforts to revive him, Officer Caddy was pronounced dead at Woodland Park Hospital. Officer Caddy had been in law enforcement for 27 years, serving in several agencies. He had been with the Portland Air Base Police for 6 months. Officer Caddy had three children.

***March 10, 2004**

Harris County Sheriff's Office, Texas

Jailer Thomas Flores Douglas

Jailer Douglas collapsed after running about a quarter of a mile during training exercises. He was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. Jailer Douglas was 42 and had served with the agency for five years. He was survived by his wife and two children.

***May 4, 2004**

Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Florida

Lieutenant George Hura, Jr.

Lieutenant Hura, age 56, had a heart attack during critical incident training. An exercise using scenarios and simunitions had just completed when Lieutenant Hura fell ill. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. A 27-year veteran of the agency, Lieutenant Hura was survived by his wife and five children.

***July 9, 2004**

Georgia Department of Corrections

Probation Officer Eugene T. Groover, Jr.

Officer Groover, age 44, had a fatal heart attack during a defensive tactics training exercise held in Reidsville. Officer Groover worked at Probation Office in Hinesville and had been with the Department of Corrections for 22 years. He was survived by his wife, who is also a probation officer, three sons and a daughter.

***January 10, 2005**

York County Sheriff's Office, Pennsylvania

Deputy Sheriff Edward "Skip" Schroeder, Jr.

Deputy Schroeder, age 47, was attending the Deputy Sheriff's Training Academy in State College and was in the final lap of a mandatory twelve-lap training run when he collapsed. He received immediate medical attention at the scene but despite all efforts, he could not be revived. He was buried on January 14, 2005 at Mount Zion Cemetery in York. Deputy Schroeder, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, had been with the York County Sheriff's Office for 16 months. He was survived by his wife and mother.

August 11, 2005

Washington, D.C. Police Department

Officer James McBride

Officer McBride, age 25, was taking part in a five-day bicycle training course when he became ill and died the next day. It was determined that the two-year veteran of the force had consumed too much water.

***January 23, 2006**

Key West Police Department, Florida

Detective John Michael Piskator

Detective Piskator, promoted just the week before, collapsed while jogging with the Special Response Team. Despite CPR efforts at the scene, he died from the heart attack. A former Army Airborne Ranger and intelligence officer, he won the leadership award before graduating from the local police academy in 2004. He was a popular bicycle officer on the Key West Police Department and well-known as a local athlete. In 2005, he placed second overall in an area kayaking-running-biking triathlon. Detective Piskator was 41 years old and was survived by his 12 year-old son.

***February 24, 2006**

Pasadena Police Department, California

Officer Kyle Ballard

Officer Ballard collapsed in the morning at the Rose Bowl after completing two laps around the stadium with other officers during a training session for an annual law enforcement relay race. At only 30 years old, he had participated in the race several times. Fellow officers and paramedics tried their best to revive him but he passed away from the heart attack at the hospital approximately one hour later. Officer Ballard had worked for eight years in the agency, both in patrol as well as special operations. He was survived by his wife and three young sons, ages 3, 2 and 6 months.

***April 7, 2006**

Saraland Police Department, Alabama

Corporal Anthony Maurice Andrews

On March 31st, Corporal Andrews, a member of the SWAT team and bicycle unit, collapsed during routine fitness exercises. He was jogging at the time and although a fellow officer and paramedics performed CPR, Corporal Andrews never regained consciousness and died in the hospital one week later on April 7th. Corporal Andrews had also served in the Army National Guard and spent two years in Iraq where he survived a roadside bomb attack in 2004. Corporal Andrews had a wife and three children.

***May 1, 2006**

San Francisco Police Department, California

Sergeant Darryl Tsujimoto

Sergeant Tsujimoto, age 41, had just run approximately a half-mile while participating in K-9 training exercises when he collapsed from a heart attack and was pronounced dead shortly after at the hospital. Sergeant Tsujimoto was well-known for his expertise in training K-9's and many agencies sent officers to train with him. A 15-year veteran of the agency, he lead their award-winning Tactical Company Canine Unit and also trained and donated many K-9's over the years. Upon his death, the two K-9's Sergeant Tsujimoto owned and handled were retired and returned to his fiancée.

***November 7, 2006**

Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, Virginia

Deputy Sheriff William Tiedeman

Deputy Sheriff Tiedeman, age 54, had a heart attack and collapsed during defensive tactics training at the Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Training Center and was pronounced dead at the hospital despite intensive life-saving efforts by a fellow deputy. A 12-year veteran of the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriff Tiedeman also had a 23-year career in the Navy where he had been a helicopter mechanic and a search-and-rescue swimmer. He was also a current member of the Kempsville Rescue Squad and taught CPR and first aid at a nearby community college. He is survived by his wife, son (also a deputy with the same agency) and his 3-year old grandson.

***November 10, 2006**

Colorado State Patrol, Colorado

Cadet Timothy Pudder

Only four weeks from completing the rigorous 22-week course, Cadet Pudder, age 40, collapsed during survival training at Camp George West. The former prison guard was playing the role of a trooper being attacked and was wearing a suit with heavy padding. Upon completing the first phase of the exercise, attending paramedics became aware he was overly exhausted and while they were monitoring his vital signs, he went into full cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead shortly after at Lutheran Hospital in Denver. All applicants are required to have extensive medical evaluations and pass a physical exam prior to being accepted. Cadet Pudder is survived by his wife and four children, ages 18, 16, 5 and 3.

Police Training Fatalities by Drowning

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***July 15, 1960**

Kansas City, Police Department, Missouri

Sergeant Kieffer C. Burris

In preparation for the formation of an underwater recovery unit, Sergeant Burris and Officer Herbert Bybee were practicing scuba diving techniques on Lake Lotawana. At 4:30 p.m., the two divers were observed by a local resident and all appeared normal. However, at approximately 5:30 p.m., another resident saw Sergeant Burris floating face down in the water. Officer Bybee's lifeless body was located a short time later. Officer Bybee's tank was empty but the tank Sergeant Burris was using still had air pressure. The cause of this incident remains unknown. Department policy at that time called for someone to be stationed to watch for problems but no one was there to help. Sergeant Burris, age 46, had been with the agency for ten years and was survived by his wife and daughter.

***July 15, 1960**

Kansas City, Police Department, Missouri

Officer Herbert E. Bybee

In preparation for the formation of an underwater recovery unit, Officer Herbert Bybee and Sergeant Burris were practicing scuba diving techniques on Lake Lotawana. At 4:30 p.m., the two divers were observed by a local resident and all appeared normal. However, at approximately 5:30 p.m., another resident saw Sergeant Burris floating face down in the water. Officer Bybee's lifeless body was located a short time later. Officer Bybee's tank was empty but the tank Sergeant Burris was using still had air pressure. The cause of this incident remains unknown. Department policy at that time called for someone to be stationed to watch for problems but no one was there to help. Officer Bybee, age 31, had been with the agency two years and was survived by his wife and four children.

***July 28, 1961**

Arvada Police Department, Colorado

Officer Robert G. Beghtol

Officer Beghtol, age 26, was participating in a training exercise with members of the Scuba Diving Unit. The site of the dive, near 60th and Tennyson, was the location of an old gravel pit. Officer Beghtol began to experience cramping from the cold water but was unable to surface when his gear became tangled in debris and he drowned. He had been with the agency for two years after serving in the United States Army. Twenty years prior to this tragic event, Officer Beghtol's grandfather became Arvada's first uniformed police officer.

***December 19, 1968**

Virginia Beach Police Department, Virginia

Officer Roger Lee McClung, Jr.

Officer McClung and Detective Robert Ray Monette were dive team trainees participating in training exercises at Lake Wesley. Both drowned saving the life of another trainee. Officer McClung, age 32, had been with the agency for 1 year.

***December 19, 1968**

Virginia Beach Police Department, Virginia

Detective Robert Ray Monette

Detective Monette and Officer Roger Lee McClung, Jr. were dive team trainees participating in training exercises at Lake Wesley. Both drowned saving the life of another trainee. Detective Monette, age 25, left behind a wife, a 6 month-old daughter and a 2 year-old son. A Vietnam veteran, he had been with the agency for 2 years and had just been promoted to Detective three days prior to his death.

***June 7, 1973**

Kenosha Police Department, Wisconsin

Officer Gary W. Fraid

Officer Fraid drowned in Lake Michigan while participating in a practice dive with his agency's scuba team. Officer Fraid, age 33, had been with the agency for six years and was survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

***August 18, 1983**

Louisville Police Department, Kentucky

Officer Ricky A. LaFollette

Officer LaFollette, age 30, drowned while training with the Department Scuba Team. The team was holding a training exercise at Dale Hollow Lake. The exercise was being held in total darkness using new underwater communications equipment. Officer LaFollette failed to surface when his air supply depleted and he did not respond to radio communications. His body was recovered at a depth of 100 feet. It is believed that he was disoriented in the dark and went down deeper in the lake rather than up.

***November 24, 1984**

Chelan County Sheriff's Department, Washington

Deputy Sheriff Winfield Scott Edie

Deputy Edie, age 29 and with the agency for five years, was participating in a diving exercise at Lake Chelan. He called out for help but was not located in time to save him. Deputy Edie drowned in 15 feet of water. The cause of his drowning remains unknown. Deputy Edie was survived by his wife and daughter.

***February 11, 1989**

Williams County Sheriff's Department, North Dakota

Deputy Sheriff Timothy L. Wells

Deputy Wells, age 36, was taking part in a cold water training dive with six other rescue divers in the Missouri River. During the dive, the deputy was photographing fish. Deputy Wells did not surface with the other divers. A search went underway, but he drowned before he could be rescued. It was thought that Deputy Wells may have become disoriented and swam in the wrong direction. His body was found beneath thick ice along the shoreline with his tank empty. Deputy Wells had been with the agency for four years.

***June 11, 1991**

New York City Police Department, New York

Officer Kenneth M. Hansen

Officer Hansen, age 26 and a highly decorated member of the Department's Harbor Unit, was participating in a simulated rescue training exercise in New York Harbor near the Battery. Officer Hansen was posing as the victim. The exercise called for divers to leap from a helicopter and perform the rescue. Officer Hansen jumped into the water but soon disappeared from sight. The exercise immediately became an actual search and rescue effort but his team mates could not locate him. His body was recovered the next day. It is not known why Officer Hansen was allowed to go into the water without wearing a life jacket. He was survived by his fiancée, his parents, a sister and two brothers. His father and brothers are all in law enforcement.

***April 17, 1998**

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

First Sergeant Karl E. Kelley

On April 16, 1998, Sergeant Kelley was participating in a fast water rescue exercise with Indiana's river rescue team. The exercise was being held on the White River below Williams Dam. The water was very turbulent from the hydraulic boil created by the action of the water cascading over the dam. Two members of the team were thrown from another boat. Sergeant Kelley and a fellow conservation officer attempted to rescue the two but their boat also capsized. All four were rescued but when Sergeant Kelley was pulled into the boat, he was unconscious. He had been submerged for approximately fifteen minutes. CPR was performed at the scene and he was transported to a hospital in Bedford, then flown by helicopter to University Hospital in Louisville. He was placed on life support but died the next day. Sergeant Kelly had been a conservation officer for 28 years and was survived by his wife and five children.

***June 2, 2000**

Chicago Police Department, Illinois

Sergeant Alane M. Stoffregen

Sergeant Stoffregen, age 50 and a master diver, was participating in a Marine Unit diving exercise in Lake Michigan. The exercise was being held in about 35 feet of water. Using correct procedures, Sergeant Stoffregen signaled to her partner that she was surfacing. She rose to the surface where the marine diver operating the boat heard her call him by name. When he got to the back of the boat where the call originated, he could see that she was disoriented and in distress. There were two marks on her forehead, thought to be the result of being pushed against the boat from the 3-foot waves that day. The other two divers were unable to get Sergeant Stoffregen into the boat without assistance. Her partner pleaded with Sergeant Stoffregen to keep her regulator in her mouth to prevent swallowing water but she was unresponsive. Her other team mate managed to keep her afloat until additional help arrived. Despite their valiant efforts to save her, Sergeant Stoffregen died. She was a 22-year veteran of the agency and had just recently been assigned to the Marine Unit.

Police Training Fatalities by Explosions

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November 18, 1987

Delaware State Police, Delaware

Corporal David Bruce Pulling

Corporal Pulling was attending an FBI training course in Huntsville, Alabama as a prerequisite to becoming a bomb technician for the Delaware State Police.

During a training exercise, an explosive device he was handling accidentally exploded and killed him. Corporal Pulling, age 31, was survived by his wife and two sons.

***November 4, 2000**

Wichita Police Department, Kansas

Lieutenant John Eugene Galvin

On October 20, 2000, Lieutenant Galvin and the agency's bomb squad were conducting training exercises at the bomb range. Arrangements had been made with a local fireworks company to destroy approximately 1,500 pounds of fireworks. Two large pits were prepared and the first two shots were fired without any problems. Preparations began for the third shot. Lieutenant Galvin was in one pit, emptying the contents of a 30-pound case on the ground within. It is thought that an ember from the previous shot sparked some powder from the case and set off the fireworks. The fireworks shot out of the pit, striking the truck holding another 500 pounds of fireworks. Those also detonated, destroying the truck and seriously burning a sergeant in the second pit. Fortunately, there were no fireworks in the second pit at the time. A Park Department backhoe driver was also injured in the incident. The rest of the bomb squad narrowly avoided injury from the explosions. Lieutenant Galvin was burned over 80% of his body and succumbed to his injuries two weeks later at the Via Christi – St. Francis burn unit in Wichita. Lieutenant Galvin, age 49, had been with the agency for 20 years. He was survived by his wife, daughter and three sons.

February 20, 2002

Scottsdale Police Department, Arizona

Sergeant Thomas Alan Hontz

Sergeant Hontz was killed while conducting a SWAT exercise where he was demonstrating how to introduce tear gas into a room. The "gas ax" he had just loaded into a smoke canister exploded, killing him and injuring fourteen other officers and firefighters. It was later determined that a new product was being used for the first time and was not compatible with the type of canister into which it was inserted. The smoke was not able to vent properly, causing the product to explode and fragment in all directions. Sergeant Hontz, age 45, was survived by his wife and three sons.



NTOA Team Membership Application

Please check off type(s) of membership you are applying for. You may pay for Tactical and CNT memberships to receive both publications.



TEAM Tactical Edge Membership:

- U.S./Canada/Mexico Membership\$150
- Foreign Membership\$200



TEAM Crisis Negotiator Membership:

- U.S./Canada/Mexico Membership\$125

TEAM Point of Contact must be one of the following:

- Full-time sworn law enforcement officers
- Military (active duty or reserve)
- Non-sworn personnel (tactical EMS, tactical dispatchers, non-sworn crisis negotiators)

TEAM Point of Contact must submit the following ID along with membership application and payment.

- **Full-time sworn** - Photocopy of law enforcement ID or an agency letterhead statement from applicant's direct supervisor, verifying applicant's law enforcement status.
- **Military** - Photocopy of active duty card and letterhead from direct supervisor verifying unit attachment. Military members will be required to submit updated verification with renewal payment each year.
- **Non-sworn personnel** - Current agency letterhead statement from the tactical or negotiations team commander verifying applicant's supportive role to the team. Non-sworn members must submit updated verification with renewal payment each year.

How did you learn about the NTOA? (check all that apply)

- NTOA training class NTOA Conference Other training/event (please list) _____ NTOA Store
- The Tactical Edge Crisis Negotiator Other publications (please list) _____ NTOA Resource Library
- NTOA email NTOA Website Other Websites (please list) _____ Friend Other _____

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POINT OF CONTACT INFORMATION:

Point of Contact* Name - First _____ MI _____ Last _____
 Rank _____
 Home E-mail _____ Personal Agency E-mail _____

***If point of contact changes at any time, please notify NTOA immediately via fax 215-230-7552, with new point of contact.**

AGENCY INFORMATION: Agency Name _____

Agency Address _____ Suite No. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Agency Phone _____ Agency Fax _____
 Population Served by Agency _____ No. of Sworn Officers in Agency _____

TEAM INFORMATION: Team Name _____

Team Status (check one) Full Time Part Time
 Multi-jurisdictional? Yes No If yes, list other departments on team: _____

No. of Tactical Members: _____ No. of Negotiators: _____ No. TEMS _____ No. Sworn TEMS _____ No. Bomb Technicians _____
 Multi Geographic Area Served _____ Multi Jurisdictional population served _____ No. Training Hours _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Signature of Applicant _____
 Credit Card: Visa Mastercard American Express Card Number: _____ Exp: _____
 (For VISA & MC - last 3 digits in signature line __ __ __) (for AMEX: 4 digits in small print on card front __ __ __ __)
 Check Amount \$ _____ Check # or Money Order # _____ Purchase Order # _____

Make check payable to NTOA. Mail application/ID to:

NTOA, PO Box 797, Doylestown, PA 18901

If paying by credit card, fax application and ID to:

Fax: 215.230.7552 Ph: 800-279-9127 www.ntoa.org

Please be sure to provide NTOA with a list of your team members and their email addresses so NTOA can send updates on the latest training, events and store specials.



NTOA Individual Membership Application

Please check off type(s) of membership you are applying for. You may pay for Tactical and CNT memberships to receive both publications.



Individual Tactical Edge Membership:

- U.S. Tactical Edge Membership\$40
- Canada/Mexico Tactical Edge Membership....\$45
- Foreign Tactical Edge Membership\$45



Individual Crisis Negotiator Membership:

- U.S. Crisis Negotiator Membership\$25
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- Foreign Crisis Negotiator Membership\$40

Who is eligible for Individual Membership?

- Full-time sworn law enforcement officers
- Retired law enforcement
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What ID must accompany my membership application?

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Send my publication(s) to: Home Agency

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name First _____ MI _____ Last _____
 Rank _____
 Assignment: Full Time SWAT Full Time CNT
 Collateral Duty: Patrol SWAT Investigations TEMS Bomb Tech
 Home Address _____ Apartment No. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Home Fax _____
 Home E-mail _____ Personal Agency E-mail _____

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