

Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT)

One-And-A-Half-Day Train-the-Trainer Instruction

Course Outline

Middlesex District Attorney's Office

Day One
Introduction to ICAT history and training, overview of use of force issues nationwide. PERF instructors have been involved in the national discussion on use of force issues since 2015. Instructors will share history, lessons learned, how ICAT has been implemented in other agencies, and why its important to have this training and discussions.
Module 1: Introduction
Module provides an overview of the entire ICAT curriculum, situations where ICAT will work and other situations where ICAT may not be the effective. Students are provided the opportunity to express concerns about officer safety, community expectations, agency policy, and the national implications of police use of force.
Module 2: The Critical Decision-Making Model (CDM)
Introduce and explain the Critical Decision-Making Model (CDM) for use by patrol officers in managing critical incidents, especially those involving subjects who are not armed with firearms and who may be experiencing a mental health or other crisis.
Module 3: Crisis Recognition
Identify key behaviors and learn tips and techniques to help defuse critical incidents involving persons in crisis and move toward a safe resolution.
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Module 4: Tactical Communications
Learn principles and concepts of tactical communications and develop the necessary skills to safely and effectively communicate during many critical incidents.
Module 5: Operational Tactics
Learn additional skills to safely and effectively respond to and resolve critical incidents involving subjects who are armed with weapons other than a firearm.
Module 6: Integration and Practice
Review and practice the range of skills needed to safely and effectively stabilize, manage and resolve critical incidents involving subjects not armed with a firearm. Skills related to critical decision-making, crisis recognition, tactical communications, and safety tactics will be reviewed and practiced in an integrated, hands-on manner.

Day Two
Module 7: Step Up and Step In
Discuss the importance of intervening in certain use of force situations to prevent misconduct and improve officer safety and wellness.
Scenario-Based Exercises
The remainder of the class is dedicated to scenario-based exercises where the student is placed in various situations to utilize the skills and techniques taught throughout the training.