

Eastern Florida State College

Public Safety Institute

Hostage and Crisis Negotiations

FDLE #1424 - 40 Hours



Course Description

This course is designed to provide the hostage negotiator with the skills needed to resolve a situation involving a hostage-taker, barricaded subject or suicidal individual.

This course provides instruction on the topic of hostage and crisis negotiations at a fundamental level. Participants will gain familiarity with the dynamics of hostage-taking and types of individuals and situations that are encountered. The training, when combined with previous experience, will enable the participant to successfully respond to a hostage incident, to better communicate with hostage-takers, and preserve the life of the hostage.

Course Topics Include:

Introduction to Negotiations, Guidelines and Responsibilities, Roles and Responsibilities, Deployment of the Team, Intelligence Gathering, Communicating with the Subject, Negotiation Skills and Assessment, Subject Factors, Incident Resolution, Stress Management, Role-Play Scenarios



Instructors:

Rick Salcedo Detective, UCF PD.
OPD SVU Detective (Retired) and
Teresa Sprague, Orlando PD



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Location:

Eastern Florida State College
Public Safety Institute
3865 North Wickham Road
Melbourne, FL 32935
Building 8, Room TBA

Dates:

September 14-18, 2026 (Monday through Friday)

Time:

8:00am - 5:00pm

Cost:

Limited Access-Class is open to Florida Sworn officers only. No Charge to Region VII officers

To Reserve a Seat:

Email agency completed Training Authorization Form to:
advtraining@titans.easternflorida.edu

An agency completed 15A Training Authorization Form is required to attend this class and can be obtained from our website: easternflorida.edu/go/train

Class Size: 24

Class Credit: Salary Incentive or Mandatory Retraining Credit

Questions:

Contact the Advanced & Specialized Training Coordinator at advtraining@titans.easternflorida.edu