

Eastern Florida State College

Public Safety Institute

CMS Defensive Tactics Instructor

FDLE #802 -80 Hours



Course Description

This course is designed to prepare an individual to obtain a Commission certification as a High-Liability Instructor in Defensive Tactics and instruct the CMS Criminal Justice Defensive Tactics Course in the Florida Basic Recruit Training Program, or In-service at their agency.

Course Topics Include: Role of Defensive Tactics Instructor & Role of Lead Instructor, Use of Force, Legal Issues, & Training Liability, Teaching Physical Skills through Physical Conditioning, Evaluation & Remediation, Overview of Defensive Tactics Basic Recruit Curriculum, Preparation of the Training Area, Student Teaching and Performance Evaluations.

Required Equipment:
Note taking supplies, duty belt

Attire:
Students should wear BDU-style or sweat pants with a T-shirt (no red shirts) and duty belt. Shoes must be athletic wear with a soft sole.



Lead Instructor: Robert Combs, David Morales and Staff



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Location:

Eastern Florida State College
Public Safety Institute
3865 North Wickham Road
Melbourne, FL 32935
Building 8, Room 134 & 138

Dates:

September 28 - October 2, 2026 and October 5 - 9, 2026

Monday - Friday (two weeks)

Time:

8am - 5pm

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: Mandatory Retraining Credit

Questions:

Contact the Advanced & Specialized Training Coordinator
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