Domestic Terrorism, Extremism, and Hate Groups

This one-day training will provide law enforcement officers with an introductory overview of numerous domestic terror groups and criminally subversive subcultures which are encountered by law enforcement professionals on a daily basis. The course will provide a definition of violent extremism and focus on individuals and groups that attempt to advance social or political ideology through force or violence and in violation of state or federal law. Subversive ideologies and groups covered will include white supremacists, Antifa, black identity extremists, animal/earth rights activists, anti-government and other radical separatists groups.

In addition to the previously mentioned training topics, and due to several recent highly publicized law enforcement encounters, a portion of the course will focus on an aggressive anti-police climate anchored by numerous organized protest groups that are routinely encountered by law enforcement in towns and cities small and large. An overview of current popular movements, including organized Antifa activity, and their influential impact on social media and direct action protest will also be covered.

During the full-day training, law enforcement professionals will be educated on the First Amendment and the Constitutional protections afforded to all groups discussed. At the conclusion of the course, law enforcement will be trained to identify violent extremism and discern between criminal activity and First Amendment protected speech and actions.

Additionally, attendees will be able to:

1. Recognize and understand the numerous criminal subcultures and extremist groups living and operating in their jurisdiction.
2. Understand and predict the dynamics of encounters with the various criminal subcultures presented.
3. Complete safe, competent and thorough investigations involving various criminal subversive groups.
4. Define, explain, and train fellow officers on the goals and tactics of various criminal subcultures and domestic extremist groups present in their jurisdictions.