



Criminal Justice Training Center

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Mark Yokoyama
Chief of Police
Cypress Police Dept.
5275 Orange Ave
Cypress, CA 90630

Dear Chief Yokoyama,

The Golden West College Basic SWAT Academy completed its latest presentation on Saturday, February 27th, 2010. This is an 80 hour, POST certified course. Critical to the success of this program is the quality of the staff that leads new SWAT officers through a physically and mentally demanding regimen of tactical training. One respected member of the SWAT Academy instructional staff is also an officer with the Cypress Police Department: Sgt. Jim Olson.

During his tenure as one of our instructors, Sgt. Olson has consistently demonstrated his professionalism and commitment to providing quality training. The students' evaluations regularly comment on the technical knowledge, willingness to help, lack of ego, appropriate humor and overall positive learning environment created by the training staff. This includes Jim's efforts. I have personally witnessed him demonstrate the above qualities and more when working with the young men and women agencies such as yours send to the SWAT Academy. I trust and respect him as a fellow professional who is committed to preparing new SWAT officers for the challenges incorporated into such an assignment.

It is also clear that Sgt. Olson maintains a proper balance between his duties at your Department and his commitment to the Academy with positive results at both ends. I believe that the Cypress Police Department is very fortunate to have a professional such as Sgt. Olson within its ranks.

If I can ever be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me

Sincerely,

R. K. Miller
Officer in Charge
GWC Basic SWAT Academy

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