

INDUSTRY LEADERS PARTNER TO DEVELOP “SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE AND LEGALLY DEFENSIBLE” USE OF FORCE CURRICULUM.

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American Military University, The American Correctional Officers Association, and Hastings Tactical Systems inc, announced today that they have entered into a preliminary agreement to explore development of a certification program aimed at standardizing “use of force training” nationally. The program will be delivered physically by a national network of trainers and equipment suppliers, and includes plans for online delivery through the professional development programs offered by AMU.

“As one of the leading providers of online education and training programs to the military and law enforcement sectors, American Military University is ideally positioned to explore the delivery of this exciting professional development program to Law enforcement officers and to those looking at careers in those sectors” said Jeffrey Kuhn, Associate Vice-President for Public Safety Partner Development at American Military University, a division of the American Public University System

“A key factor to officer safety and the reduction of work place injuries is better equipment and better training. Whilst equipment will always be best determined by individual departments, training needs to be standardized at a national level so that arrest, compliance and other use of force techniques are legally defensible and socially acceptable” said Vito Dagnello President of the American Correctional officers Association.

Establishing a guideline that is recognized by the industry itself is the first step toward reducing costly legal actions against officers and departments and minimizing injuries caused during altercations. The use of “best practices” and equipment through this educational program can only lead to safer and less stressful working conditions for all officers, said Paul Mann special advisor to the American Correctional Officers Association and CEO of Hastings Tactical Systems.

About ACO

American Correctional Officer is a national coalition of organizations, fraternal associations and unions whose members include publicly employed correctional officers and corrections professionals. American Correctional Officer is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of the corrections profession. It is run for and by correctional officers working in our local, county, state, federal and juvenile correctional facilities. For more information please visit <http://www.americanco.info> and <http://www.cointel.net>

About AMU

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