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To: Hank Hayes / No Lie Blades -CEO

Subject: No Lie Blades Training

I have been a Police Officer in South Los Angeles for eleven years. During my time as a police officer, I have been trained as a department defensive tactics instructor and I have worked numerous assignments. I am currently working a narcotics enforcement detail.

During my time as a police officer, I have never received any edge weapons defensive training, so I sought out Hank Hayes for private instruction. To me, preparation is about survival. In my personnel opinion, the edge weapon poses more of a risk to police officers than firearms. In most firearm attacks on police officers, the officer has some sort of distance on his side, however, attacks with an edge weapon, the officer is already fighting with the suspect and never sees the weapon until it is introduced into his fight. Most officers I work with have the "it will never happen to me" mindset, but what if it does happen to you? All officers talk about winning the fight but how many talk about preparing to win the fight. I believe in training for my next fight not my last one.

Mr. Hayes and his No Lie Blade marking knife brought a realistic feel to the training. The defensive tactics against the edge weapon that Mr. Hayes taught works with what the body does naturally during a dynamic critical incident. His simple but functional defensive tactics against the blade was easy to learn and does not require hours of practice to put them into use. If needed I felt I could of used any of the defensive tactics the same day I was taught them.

I only wish this training were available to all officers. In too many cases, the defensive tactics taught by police departments will not work against a suspect that is putting up real resistance. The training is taught around liability to the department. In my opinion if we are, training officers the liability should be to the officers and their families. Mr. Hayes has a genuine concern and respect for the people he trains and I would recommend him to anyone that is willing to prepare for his next fight.

I can be reached at Vikingcombatives@gmail.com. Remember blunt force trauma is what wins the fight.