DISPATCHERS ROLE IN TERRORISM/WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION INCIDENTS

June 29, 2010
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LETAC Training Center
3171 Greenhead Drive, Suite B, Springfield, IL

INTRODUCTION TO TERRORISM AND TERRORIST GROUPS
Given a lecture and topical outline, the student will identify the specific definition of terrorism to be used throughout the program. They will identify general terrorist groups and tactics, their common cellular structures and ways to identify them through inquiry and information gathering. The student will identify the group philosophies and goals and how they are organized and operate.

INTRODUCTION TO WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
Given a lecture and topical outline, the student will identify and discuss catastrophic management planning, the types of Weapons of Mass Destructions, their effects, checklist symptoms and indicators as they relate to Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, Radiological and Explosive (CBNRE) components and devices that can be employed. The student will identify and discuss the dispatchers role in a WMD incident before, during and after it occurs. The student will be given a checklist to use in obtaining pertinent information and making notifications on these incidents and threats to assist in the safety of first responders.

PRACTICAL TABLE TOP WMD INCIDENT EXERCISE
Given an initial fact situation, the student will utilize effective incident response and management techniques, be required to dispatch police, fire, EMS and other units to the scene of a WMD incident. The student will be required to answer telephones and relay pertinent information to responding units and other affected agencies. The student will participate in the proper notification sequence of events and identify and use the essential elements of notification. As the situation progresses, the facts will change and the student will be required respond to these changes. The dispatcher will be required to assist responding units by providing information that will advise in choosing the appropriate route of approach, plan initial actions after arriving and mentally prepare the responder to survive the incident. A self critique as well as a critique by the instructor will be provided as part of participating in this criminal investigation.

Instructor: Michael G. Wargo

Mr. Wargo served over twenty-seven years with the Illinois State Police. His entire career has been in the investigative section of ISP. His investigative assignments have included narcotics, white-collar crime and counter
terrorism. Mr. Wargo has been assigned to the Crisis Negotiation Team since its inception in 1984. He has worked in the Communication Center and his current duties include Crisis Negotiation Coordinator for the northern third of the State of Illinois. Prior to his retirement from ISP in November 2002, Mr. Wargo was assigned as the Illinois State Police representative to the Joint Terrorism Task Force in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Wargo has written and published more than 50 articles on the subjects of crisis negotiation, suicide intervention, dignitary protection and terrorism. His special assignments have included the 1989 National Governors' Conference, the 1994 World Cup Matches and the 1996 Democratic National Convention.

Mr. Wargo has received numerous awards and commendations from police agencies throughout the Midwest. He is the lead Hostage Negotiation, Terrorism and Suicide recognition and Intervention Instructor for KEBCOR.com's programs to Police and Dispatchers. He has extensive experience in training all levels of police, security and military personnel.

There is no cost to attend this training, as it has been funded by a grant through the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.

TO REGISTER: Email registration to Sandy at sandy@letac.org. Fill out and submit our online registration form on the website at www.letac.org. Call 217-726-7014 to register by phone (be sure to include all pertinent information). MTU #10 local member officers will be given registration preference until seven days prior to the date of class. After that date, registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis regardless of MTU status.