



# Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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## Breach Point:

### Personal & Professional Breakthroughs for Police Officers

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**TWO SEPARATE OFFERINGS!**

**March 15, 2012 OR March 16, 2012**

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#### Course Description:

In a chaotic and unpredictable world of plummeting moral standards our nation's police officers are facing stressors that can have predictable and profoundly negative impact upon their lives, careers and families. This seminar will assist those attending in gaining a distinctly different perspective on the unique and potentially problematic consequences of performing well within a law enforcement culture. Officers, Sergeants and those who assist them will reflect upon the traumas and triumphs associated with modern law enforcement, and how these influence the pivotal balance between professional and personal relationships.

An experienced law enforcement executive and educator will guide law enforcement personnel in understanding a variety of best practice approaches in addressing these issues. A theme of personal leadership will run throughout this seminar as those attending will have ample chance to reflect upon the universal journey of a vocation spent in law enforcement. This seminar will provide a new set of skills designed to assist contemporary knights maintain a balanced, meaningful and rewarding lifestyle, while maintaining and protecting the nobility found in their servant's spirit.

#### Topics will include:

- Removing classic frustrations encountered by all law enforcement officers & the impact of rewarded cynicism
- The Caustic Effects of performing well in law enforcement
- How the dynamics of control and trust can negatively influence officer attitudes both at work and home
- Learning and mastering the unique, misunderstood and potentially problematic consequences of police perspectives
- Learning from our Knightly predecessors on how to self-motivate on the street, in the department and at home
- Removing classic frustrations encountered by all law enforcement officers & the consequences of rewarding cynicism
- How the dynamics of control and trust can negatively influence officer attitudes
- How to lead and inspire those who have been taught to anticipate the worst in everything
- Being an optimistic leader among a sea of professional pessimists
- Recognizing the symptoms of stress and how police stress differs significantly from other jobs
- Why officers are at greater risk for alcohol abuse, divorce, isolation, depression and suicide
- Warning signs of distress and preventative programs to reduce and monitor it

#### Instructor:

Kent Williams is the owner of Breach Point Consulting and has been involved in law enforcement as a police officer for over 25 years, where he presently serves as Chief of Police for a Chicago area police department. He is the 2- term President of the Northern Illinois Critical Incident Stress Management Team where he has served as a peer supporter for 12 years. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, University of Southern California's Delinquency Control Institute, and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior



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Management Institute for Police, at Boston University. He serves as a Tactical Commander on a regional SWAT team serving 60 Chicago collar communities. He has taught extensively on various courses related to leadership and organizational change. Additionally he has taught for over 23 years on topics including use of force, weapons and tactics.

*Chief Williams was the presenter at our 2011 Executive Development Workshop and received rave reviews from those in attendance!*

**To Register:** Email registration to [register@letac.org](mailto:register@letac.org). You may also fill out and submit our online registration form through the website at [www.letac.org](http://www.letac.org) or call 217-726-7014 to register by phone with Sandy or Donna (be sure to include all pertinent information). MTU #10 local member department 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. We cannot accept registrations from individual officers. All registrations must go through your Chief, Sheriff, or department training office, even if you are attending class on your own time.

**Cancellation:** If a class must be canceled for any reason, every effort will be made to do so at least 2 weeks before the class is scheduled to begin. However, there are circumstances where last minute cancellation is out of our control. All officers who have been registered for training will be contacted at the email address given at registration, so please be sure to provide an email address which is checked often. If you are registered for a class and find that you will be unable to attend, please contact our office as soon as possible to let us know. We often have a waiting list for classes and another officer may be contacted to fill your newly vacated seat.