



The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Announce

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S USE OF FORCE POLICY AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL POLICY ON CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICES (CED)

January 23, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Raritan Valley Community College

Bldg. 11 Advanced Technology/Communication Ctr. Rm. B

118 Lamington Road

Branchburg, NJ

Program Summary

This program will identify situations where a CED may be justified or may not be justified in accordance with the Attorney General's Conducted Energy Device Policy of 2010. This course will include a review the Attorney General's Use of Force Policy of June 2000, and provisions of the Attorney General's Conducted Energy Device Policy of 2010. This course will also cover practical application proficiency with the officer's designated CED.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for assistant prosecutors, deputy attorneys general handling criminal matters, and law enforcement personnel. Only those who have been selected to attend this program should attend. The nominees have already been chosen.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Robert Czepiel has been a prosecutor at the county and state levels in New Jersey for over 14 years. Mr. Czepiel has been employed at the New Jersey Office of Attorney General-Division of Criminal Justice in the Official Corruption Bureau for the seven years. Since September 2011, he has also worked for Police Training Bureau. His current responsibilities include updating pre-existing Police Training Commission course objectives, creating training programs, and training recruits, law enforcement officers, and prosecutors on numerous criminal, legal, and other issues in programs offered by the Division of Criminal Justice Police Academy and the Police Training Commission. Previously, he was employed as an Assistant Prosecutor at the Burlington County Prosecutor Office for seven years. His experience as an Assistant Prosecutor and Deputy Attorney

General in the Corruption Bureau includes the prosecution of multiple complex white collar crimes in the field of public corruption; street crimes such as homicides, aggravated sexual assault, robbery, and drug distribution cases; family matters such as domestic violence and juvenile delinquency cases; and appellate matters. He has appeared before the Superior Court of New Jersey both Law and Appellate Division, and the Supreme Court of New Jersey. He has successfully tried numerous high profile cases to verdict. He was the recipient of the 2008 "Excellence in Legal Support Award" by the New Jersey Office of Attorney General for the trial and conviction of the former chief of staff of the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission for multiple counts of Official Misconduct. He is a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Jury Selection. Additionally, he is an adjunct professor of law at Widener University School of Law in Delaware having taught white collar/corruption and trial advocacy courses. He is a volunteer instructor with the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program through Widener Law School. He is also an adjunct professor at Burlington County College having taught law and criminal justice related courses. He has taught numerous courses at the New Jersey Attorney General Advocacy Institute and the Police Training Commission in the field of trial advocacy; search and seizure; search warrants; white collar and corruption prosecutions/investigations; use of force; and the basic course for prosecuting attorneys. He has also taught at the NAGTRI Mobile Advocacy Institute in Princeton, New Jersey, and has been NITA certified for several years. He graduated from Widener Law School in Harrisburg and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1997.

Richard Celeste, B.A.; M.A.; Ed. D. is the Executive Director of the Regional Public Safety Unit and former Deputy Chief of the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office. Dr. Celeste retired in 2002 after serving 26 years in law enforcement, with 11 years as an officer with the Bridgewater Township Police Department and 16 years with the SCPO, where he retired as Deputy Chief. Dr. Celeste is the senior most director in New Jersey with 25 years overseeing the Academy. He holds a Masters and Doctorate Degree in Education and authored the handbook, "The Challenge Program, An Administrator's Guide for Conducting a Comprehensive Police Recruit Training Program". This handbook is the training model at the Somerset County Police Academy and is used by many academies across the nation as well as other New Jersey Academies. Dr. Celeste is certified as an expert witness/consultant in the all areas of law enforcement training, with specific emphasis in the use of force, on which he has lectured nationally. Dr. Celeste is an adjunct professor at Raritan Valley Community College and Centenary College, and oversees all operations at the Regional Public Safety Institute.

How Do I Register?

Those designated to attend should follow these instructions for registration. Most State and some county employees will be able to register for this course by going to <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> and creating an account. (Your computer must be attached to the government's Garden State Network.). If you are unable to access the above link kindly email the Advocacy Institute at: AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us for an authorization code to allow you access to the registration system through the My New Jersey portal. Once you receive the authorization code you will be prompted to go to the My New Jersey portal at <http://www.state.nj.us/> and create an account, if you do not already have one. Once you do, you then will be able to register through the portal at <http://www.state.nj.us>.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 3.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 3.5 qualify as hours of credit toward certification criminal trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 3.5 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 3.0 substantive credits (\$4.50 mandatory registration fee required).