S.T.O.R.M.

Fall Conference 2012 Tuesday, November 6 – Thursday, November 8 Rainbow Hotel and Casino, Vicksburg, Mississippi

Training Curriculum

Verbal Judo: How to use Tactical Communication on an Impaired Driver.

Verbal Judo is a tactical communication training course. The principles and tactics taught will enable attendees to use "Presence of Words" to calm difficult people who may be under severe emotional or other influences, redirect the behavior of hostile people, defuse potentially dangerous situations, perform professionally under all conditions and achieve the desired outcome in the encounter.

Goals of the course include: 1) Increase Officer Safety 2) Enhanced Professionalism 3) Decreased Citizen Complaints 4) Decreased Vicarious Liability 5) Decreased Stress 6) Increased Court Power 7) Decreased Cynicism 8) Increased Morale

Verbal Judo, or Tactical Communication, enables officers to further preserve law and order while maintaining their own and the public's safety by using Appropriate Presence and Words as force options.

Guest Speakers - W. Lee Fjelstad

W. Lee Fjelstad is the Vice President of the Verbal Judo Institute and an international trainer with a professional background that included over 20 years of speaking and training experience, Lee is a highly animated, humorous, thought provoking, and entertaining presenter.

His professional experience includes five years as a Computer Operations Supervisor and six years of work for the federal government protecting nuclear weapons systems. He has also worked as a reserve police officer in New Mexico at the Sandavol County Sheriff's Department and trained self-defense and defensive tactics to police, corrections, probation and parole, and military law enforcement officers and self-defense instruction to federal and local government agencies and civilian programs for corporations, women's groups, and the airlines.

Lee has instructed martial arts classes and self defense seminars for over twenty years and retains 2nd degree black belt ratings in Shotokan (Japanese) and Tae Kwon Do (Korean) karate. He has also trained in Hapkido, Combat Judo, Arnis, and Akido. His Educational background includes degrees in English, Business, and Organizational Communication with additional work in Psychology and Behavioral Science

Room Reservation

If your agency is funded through the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety with an impaired driving grant, you <u>MUST</u> utilize those funds to pay for your hotel accommodations. You <u>MUST</u> Contact the Rainbow Hotel and Casino at 601-638-7111 <u>TO BOOK YOUR OWN ROOM</u>. Be sure to tell them you are with the STORM Conference to make sure you get the discounted rate of \$78.00 per night. You are <u>STILL REQUIRED</u> to register for the conference at <u>www.msstorm.net</u> to ensure an accurate count of attendees. Please note that you have booked your own room.

If your agency is grant funded, but the STORM Conference was taken out, or there is not enough funding in your current grant to pay for conference costs, your room can be paid for by the grant from the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University. Please go to www.msstorm.net to register for the conference and note that you will need a MSU room.

If your agency is not grant funded, your room can be paid for by the grant from the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University. Please go to www.msstorm.net to register for the conference and note that you will need a MSU room.

To cancel your MSU room, please contact a board member as early as possible. After Friday, October 29th, your cancellation will need to be unavoidable and emergent in nature.

We need your registration no later October 27th, which is enough time to cancel any unused rooms at the Rainbow Hotel and Casino. However, please send in your registration no matter how close to the conference date!! We will re-book rooms as needed.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call.

Miscellaneous Notes

WE NEED DOOR PRIZES!!!

Please bring and turn in at the designated area.

If you know a S.T.O.R.M. member on active military duty, please notify the deputy treasurer or secretary so she can extend their membership while they are gone.

At the completion of this training all attending Officers will receive 16 hours Continued Education Credits through P.O.S.T.

November 6th is National Election Day. All S.T.O.R.M. attendees need to make arrangements to vote absentee before attending the conference.