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PCSO Instructors Train with International Organization

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On February 19-22, 2017, Putnam County Sheriff's Office instructors completed a Less Lethal Impact, Chemical and Distraction Device course with international trainers from Safariland Training Group. The class focuses on instructor development and tactics, applications of OC Aerosols, Impact Munitions, Chemical Munitions, and Distraction Device Munitions. The goal of this training is conflict resolution.

“We want to be prepared for a variety of circumstances. Not every situation will require the same interactions, tactics/techniques, or force, and we are ensuring that our Deputies have every resource available and the most advanced up-to-date training to them to be safe and successful,” says Sheriff Eddie Farris.

“Safariland's motto is ‘Together we save lives.’,” says Safariland Senior Technical/Training Specialist Chuck Martin. “We save lives of civilians *and* officers by equipping law enforcement with tools to limit physical force. We were the first training group requested to come into Sandy Hook.”

Deputies had previously completed foundation instructional courses about less-lethal interactions, and this training is meant to recertify and grant access to advanced technology and tactics.

“The PCSO is very fortunate to have a progressive sheriff whose focus is bringing in the best training that is available for the officers and citizens of Putnam County,” said Lt. Rick Baker.

SWAT team leaders and Commanders from GA, FL, NC, KY, AL, MO, and TN were in attendance recertifying and gaining knowledge on updated tactics in chemical munitions and less lethal options.

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