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***COPS INTERNATIONAL 2020***

**The 25th Anniversary**

**Training for reality**

**Improving Survivability**

This is the 25th Anniversary of the COPS training event and this year it is being held in the UK. It is going to be an action-packed week event which has been designed to provide essential, role specific, reality-based training that you’ll find hard to get elsewhere. With 5 days of training, our Instructors will guarantee to give you an immersive experience in reality combat with some fantastic topics on the agenda. However, this course is much more than just personal safety and tactics, it also combines social events to enjoy throughout the week as well as a goody bag of 'stuff'. We will be joined by officers from all around the world, so it makes in an excellent opportunity to make friends and network. It will prove to be an excellent week.

Although an IPA event we also invite all members of the policing sector, friends and family, military, emergency services and local council staff.

**Who are the Defensive Tactics Group?**

The International Police Association (IPA) have several ‘Special Interest Groups’ for its members. One of these is the Defensive Tactics Group (DTG). It consists of serving and retired members of the law enforcement community, who have a particular interest in reality-based self-defence and street survival training.

Our main goal is to help prevent injury and save the lives of police officers by teaching techniques that work! That is; easy to learn, easy to do, easy to remember under pressure, effective and legal. All our techniques conform to the UK Manual of Guidance on Personal Safety Training.

Membership is free to all IPA members however you **don’t need** to join the IPA to attend this course.

**Course Content: *(see more detail on the Agenda/timetable)***

**Explosive Self Defence Systems Level 1 or Level 2**

This is the signature system of the IPA-DTG.

**Surveillance – The Basics**

An introduction to undertaking the basics of surveillance and how to follow a suspect.

**Fighting on the Ground**

The saying goes that you should never choose to go to the ground, but that’s where most fights end up!

**Open Source Material**

Although this course is mainly about physical skills there is an opportunity to explore the virtual world of the internet.

**Safariland Hand-Cuff and Baton Course**

This is for those who are already trained with Hand-cuffs and Baton, it must be pre-booked and pre-reads will be sent to those who are interested.

**Spontaneous Knife Attack Defence**

This knife awareness course has been designed to meet the needs of Police Officers. The focus of this training is to raise awareness as to the simplicity by which a person can fall victim to a spontaneous knife attack.

**Point Shooting - Instinctive shooting**

Shooting to save your life (Because of strict firearms laws in the UK we will use airsoft).

You don’t need to be a firearms officer to attend this session.

**Stop the bleed**

Following a catastrophic incident such as a marauding terrorist attack, the most preventable cause of death is a person bleeding out.

**Marauding Terrorist Response**

As an emergency responder have you questioned what you can do in a killer spree type attack?

**Axon - Taser**

Axon are the company that produce Taser and will join us to give an introductory course in their products (Taser, Body Cam, Virtual Reality).

**Scenarios**

These are a set of scenarios set up to test how you will actually react when faced with realistic situations.

**Social Events**

**Visit the Royal Armouries in Leeds**

<https://royalarmouries.org/venue/royal-armouries-museum/>

**Shopping at the Cheshire Oaks Retail Outlet Park**

<https://www.mcarthurglen.com/en/outlets/uk/designer-outlet-cheshire-oaks/>

**Walk up Mount Snowdon**

<https://www.visitsnowdonia.info/snowdon-walking-routes>

**Meet North Wales Police**

<https://www.north-wales.police.uk>

The course is being run in North Wales and the local Police Force is Heddlu Gogledd Cymru which translated into English is *North Wales Police.* Although relatively small rural police force it covers a massive area. Here is the opportunity to meet members of the force, see their equipment and ask questions.

**Gala Dinner**

The hog roast gala dinner is the culmination of the course and a celebration of the closing of the 25th Anniversary.

**Costs:**

**£350** which includes: -

* Ensuite accommodation
* Breakfast, lunch, a BBQ and Gala Dinner
* Coach and entry to Leeds Armoury Museum
* Transport to and from Mount Snowdon, Cheshire Oaks Retail Park, Chester
* All courses and certificates
* Goody bag
* All participants can be picked up and dropped off at Chester Train or bus station upon request.

or

**£150** as above but without accommodation and food (will include BBQ and Gala Dinner)

or

**£40** Day rate as above but accommodation will be £48 per night extra (will include BBQ and Gala Dinner if applicable to the day)

**Please pay as soon as possible to secure your place. The cut off deadline is the 29th February 2020**

**(See Application form for payment details)**

**Admin**

**Clothing and equipment**

* Training uniform
* Patrol or dress uniform (for gala dinner)
* Boots
* Casual clothing (May can still be cold in the UK)
* If walking up Mt Snowdon bring warm outdoor clothing and waterproofs
* Toiletries
* Gym kit if you want to use the swimming pool or gym

**Any questions please contact Robert Stenhouse** [**Robert.stenhouse@sky.com**](mailto:Robert.stenhouse@sky.com)

**Travel:**

Attendees should arrive throughout the day and can book into accommodation. If driving, there is plenty of free carparking space

**Address:**

Student Village, Glyndŵr University, Mold Road, Wrexham, Wales, LL11 2AW.

**By Air:**

The best Airports are either

Manchester International Airport (Ringway)

Liverpool (John Lennon)

Someone will meet you and direct you to one of the following modes of transport: -

Train to Chester CTR or Wrexham Train Station.

or

Coach to Chester Bus Station.

Or

Taxi - If there are two or more it may be cheaper and quicker to get a Taxi to Chester train Station. As long as we know your flight times, we can arrange this for you.

Or

Car Hire – Arrange yourself.

**By Road:**

From North or South

M6 Manchester – M56 to Chester – M53 to North Wales – A55 North Wales – A483 to Wrexham – Junction 5 Mold Rd towards Wrexham – 1st left B5101 first right at the roundabout and into the student village.

From South (alternate)

M6 North - M54 - A5 – A483 Wrexham – Junction 5 Mold Rd towards Wrexham – 1st left B5101 first right at the roundabout and into the student village.

From Manchester Airport

M56 to Chester – M53 to North Wales – A55 North Wales – A483 to Wrexham – Junction 5 Mold Rd towards Wrexham – 1st left B5101 first right at the roundabout and into the student village.

From Liverpool Airport

Speake Hall Rd – right onto A561 – A562 – A533 – M56 to Chester – M53 to North Wales – A55 North Wales – A483 to Wrexham – Junction 5 Mold Rd towards Wrexham – 1st left B5101 first right at the roundabout and into the student village.