

**Minnesota Peace Officers Standards & Training - POST
Course Approval Requirements**
(Previous 6 hour course version # 10311-0004)

“Combating Radicalization”

Seminar Instructor

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36 years of law enforcement experience including Juvenile Unit Commander,
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Previous instructor experience in School Safety, Meth Prevention and Gang
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Course Overall Learning Goal

Between 2007 and 2013 at least 24 Minnesota Youth traveled to Somalia to join the Terrorist Group Al Shabaab. They were indicted for providing material support of terrorism. Many of them have died as a result of involvement in violent acts including suicide bombings.

In 2013 the extremist group ISIS began recruiting and radicalizing American youth to join their Terrorist Organization in Syria and Iraq. Since then thousands of Western recruits have joined the movement. Numerous persons in America

have been radicalized and attempted to join ISIS or stage an attack. Several young men from Minnesota have been indicted for leaving or attempting to leave the United States to join ISIS. Over the past two years several attacks have occurred in Europe and America.

Peace officers who attend this seminar will better understand the factors that contribute to radicalization and extremism. They will learn of the backgrounds of several extremist and examine early indicators of their radicalization. They will be familiar with the recruitment narrative of ISIS and Al Shabaab.

Prevention and Intervention strategies from around the country and the world will be discussed including plans coming from the 2015 White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism and the Minnesota Pilot Project spearheaded by United States Attorney Andrew Luger.

Seminar Outline

“Radicalization Factors in the Recruitment of American Youth”

Case Studies of American Youth Who Joined Al-Shabaab & ISIS

“Magazines & Videos of Al Qaeda, Al-Shabaab & ISIS”

What They Tell Us About Their Agenda & Internet Recruitment Strategy

“The White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism”

Minnesota’s Pilot Project Prevention & Intervention Plan

“Radicalization Studies & Prevention Plans”

A Work in Progress