

**Minnesota Peace Officers Standards & Training - POST
Course Approval Requirements**
(Previous 6 hour course version # 10311-0005)

“Being Prepared For Al Shabaab & ISIS”

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

In February of 2008 the Somali group Al Shabaab was designated by the United States Government as a terrorist organization. Since then at least 23 Minnesota Somali youth have returned to Somalia to join Al Shabaab. Those returnees and others have been indicted for providing material support of terrorism. Many have died as a result of involvement in violent acts including suicide bombings. Since July of 2010, Al Shabaab has expanded its terror tactics to other countries and in February of 2012 Al Shabaab officially joined the Al Qaeda global terror network. In September of 2013 Al Shabaab staged an attack on the Westgate Mall in Nairobi Kenya killing 70 people.

Also in 2013 the extremist group ISIS began recruiting and radicalization 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. Over the past two years several attacks have occurred in Europe and America.

Peace officers who attend this seminar will be better prepared to address the ongoing threat of persons being radicalized and joining Al Shabaab and ISIS. They will be familiar with the tactics and targets of Al Shabaab and ISIS so that they may anticipate and prevent criminal acts of violence and terror by persons who sympathize with their extremist beliefs.

Seminar Outline

“Al Shabaab’s Attacks”

Violent Actions in Somalia & East Africa

“Attack on The Westgate Mall - 70 Killed”

September 21, 2013

“Al Shabaab Attacks After Westgate”

Alliance with Al Qaeda Grows - Terrorism Tactics Increase
2013 - 2015

“Video & Magazine Productions of Al Shabaab, Al Qaeda & ISIS”

What They Tell Us About Their Tactics, Targets & Agenda

“ISIS Attacks & Attempts in Europe”

2013 - 2016

“ISIS Terror Attacks & Indictments in America”

2014- 2016

Current Threats Today