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OCSO HELPS SPONSOR DRUG INTERDICTION TRAINING

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office helped sponsor a three day training course August 9 -11th on ways to pursue and identify individuals involved in criminal activity while they are traveling roads and highways. Twenty-three deputies from the OCSO, and sixteen from other law enforcement agencies, attended the free training, which is funded by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Instructors from The 4:20 Group, LLC provided Law Enforcement Officers quality, up to date information focusing on current trends pertaining to criminal activity. The mission is critical because officers must be capable of making a rapid assessment on whether criminal activity is taking place. This rapid assessment can be enhanced by becoming familiar with current criminal trends and understanding how to use this information to confirm or deny an officers suspicion.

This training is presented by experienced officers with years of successful interdiction resulting in the apprehension of some of America's worst criminals, illegal drugs, millions of dollars in US currency, stolen weapons, and stolen equipment.

According to the 4:20 Group, "County, State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies constantly face challenges protecting and serving the public. The growing drug trend branches out to theft, assaults, gang problems, homicide and many other violent crimes. Terrorism is no longer just a future event, it is now an everyday threat that Law Enforcement must be prepared to face. All criminals, even the most elusive, are vulnerable while traveling on our nation's roadways. The 4:20 Group, LLC is designed to equip law enforcement officers with the knowledge to pursue and identify the individuals who are involved in criminal activity while in transit. "

Commercial vehicles that were brought in for hands on training and included full size tractor trailer rigs, delivery trucks, and a commercial bus. The three day training course was successfully completed by all students Thursday Aug 11th. Certificates were presented to each attendee, some from as far away as Palm Beach County, Florida.

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