



Grant funding sources and justifications for WSHNA 2010

The 2010 conference of the Western States Hostage Negotiators' Association (WSHNA) will be held in Tacoma, Washington on May 23-26, 2010. WSHNA was established in 1986 and is a 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization primarily responsible for the training of hostage negotiators.

Local DV Grants

WSHNA has secured funds from the Pierce County VAWA/STOP Grant to facilitate this training (venue, meals, coffee). This allows us to dedicate a significant portion of our training for Domestic Violence topics. The conference is 2.5 days. Day One of the conference solely addresses Domestic Violence/Violence against women training topics. On the third day of the conference, additional training on violence against women will occur.

Justification

As hostage negotiators and SWAT operators we know that roughly 60% of all hostages are women. Domestic violence cases where SWAT/hostage negotiators respond to the scene make up over 45% of all SWAT callouts nationally.

Because well over 50% percent of our total callouts involve DV and or VAW, WSHNA recognizes the need to continually train negotiators in topics dealing with domestic violence (All statistics and percentages are provided by the FBI hostage/barricade reporting statistics (HOBAS)).

Although a direct corollary to domestic violence and VAW is clearly expressed on day one of this training; a direct nexus can be drawn that all aspects of this training conference will assist law enforcement and benefit domestic violence victims.

On day two negotiators will learn valuable skills such as active listening and managing strong emotions. This training will have a direct impact on the negotiators ability to succeed in the field during real time incidents. And as earlier stated more than one in two of those incidents will involve domestic violence and/or violence against women. There will also be training related to mental health issues, defusing anger and dealing with difficult people (typical issues found in domestic abusers). On Day Three there will also be training on violence against women hostages in a corrections setting.

We expect to train over 200 hostage negotiators on Domestic Violence topics at this conference. The WSHNA web site contains detailed course agendas for this training, www.wshna.com.

Local DEM/HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

The Tacoma Police Department is also currently seeking conference funding through Pierce County DEM, due to the following course being presented by Sgt. Travis/Detective Krancich, Tacoma PD- EOD certified ILSERBA Trainers

Justification

INITIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO SUICIDE BOMBING INCIDENTS
(ILSERBA)

Federal Emergency Management Agency Course #PER-232-2

This eight-hour course was designed to provide front line law enforcement officers with the skills and knowledge to effectively interdict and respond to an imminent person-borne suicide bombing attack or an attack involving a vehicle-borne IED.

Effective response to a suicide bombing attack requires a multitude of immediate decisions on the part of law enforcement officers. These decisions include safety and legal considerations. The needs assessment for this course indicates a significant training gap in this area. ILERSBA is intended to meet those needs and deals specifically with immediate decisions and actions in face to face encounters of person-borne and vehicle-borne IED attacks. This course will be presented in three sections, one each day of the conference, by certified ILSERBA Trainers/Bomb Techs.