



SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

'Suicidal in Seattle' Suicide by Cop Case Studies

With a dash of irreverence in his voice, a pinch of street language, and not a hint of political correctness, Officer Bruce Wind presents 'Suicidal in Seattle', Suicide by Cop Case Studies. If you are expecting another run-of-the mill 'case-study', think again.

At the very start, Officer Wind projects a huge 'I'm sorry' on the screen and explains that 34-years of patrol work has left him a bit unpolished. By contrast, his partner, Sergeant Bill Waltz, presents himself in a much more 'traditional lecture' fashion, although some stories about his partner reveal some disturbing secrets.

Seattle Police Department's Sergeant Bill Waltz and Officer Bruce Wind have just finished an exciting two years of presenting their 4-hour program, mostly to Hostage/Crisis Negotiation groups. They are looking forward to 2010, making new friends and offering their 'street level' insight into this current phenomena.

With a combined total of 58 years patrol experience and 34 years of Hostage/Crisis Negotiation experience, Sergeant Bill Waltz and Officer Bruce Wind present 'Suicidal in Seattle'. After an overview of current academic thinking of this phenomenon, these two active police negotiators will present two case studies showing violence that street cops and negotiators can experience on any day.

First, a textbook example of suicide by cop...

Tom Morgan had suffered from mental illness for years, but no one, including his immediate family, knew the depths of his pain. Then one morning in December he killed his brother and sister-in-law, and then summoned the Seattle Police Department to end his pain. This was a classic example of suicide by cop with all the warnings signs and a few twists along the way.

Second, a subtle example of law enforcement assisted suicide...

Robert Estrella was a thirty year old who struggled with cocaine addiction and domestic violence. On a sunny March afternoon in Seattle, police confronted Robert as they responded to yet another chapter of domestic violence and court order violations. This time Robert took his infant son hostage and stood face to face with negotiators. The ending is predictable but the signs of suicide were not so obvious.

Sergeant Waltz and Officer Wind hope to provide you with an informative look at how the Seattle Police Hostage/Crisis Negotiation Team performed during these two incidents. Their goal

is to be both educational and entertaining, with the emphasis on entertaining. Officer Wind and Sergeant Waltz are still full-time members of the Seattle Police Department's patrol division and advance scheduling is essential. Speaking fees and expenses are negotiable. The presentation is tailored for your audience. The duration for a law enforcement and/or corrections audience is 3-4 hours. Shorter presentations are available for civilian based groups.

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"Your presentation was outstanding! Bill and Bruce not only talk the talk, they've walked the walk. Armed with extensive personal street experience in dealing with suicidal individuals, they share their insights and observations with officers who need to understand these highly charged and extremely dangerous incidents. FBI national statistics demonstrate that police negotiators are far more likely to deal with suicidal subjects than any other type of individual, often threatening to harm others in addition to themselves Bill and Bruce provide a dynamic one two punch which provides both meaningful information and practical guidance. This is a must see presentation for all active crisis (hostage) negotiators."

Gary Noesner, FBI Retired Unit Chief, Crisis Negotiation Unit

"Seattle was down to earth and their insights on 'suicide by cop' were refreshing, they had it happen and can relate. Seattle instructors were well organized and very knowledgeable. They made the training interesting".

Wisconsin Hostage Negotiators' Association.

"A must-see presentation for negotiators, commanders, & administrators. Officer Wind and Sergeant Waltz gave a detailed, relevant and informative presentation to the annual East Midland Regional Training."

David Wheeler, Chief Superintendent, Lincolnshire Police, Lincoln, England

"Your presentation was informative and very entertaining."

London "Max" Howard, FBI Retired, Crisis Management Training

Suicide in Seattle References

South Carolina Negotiators' Association
Scottie Frier

Rocky Mountain Hostage Negotiators' Association
Bruce Isaacson

Texas Association of Hostage Negotiators
Thomas Catron

Western Pennsylvania Negotiators' Association
Kenneth M. Truver

Indiana Association of Hostage Negotiators
Kevin Hunter

Wisconsin Association of Hostage Negotiators
Harold Graves

East Midland Regional Training, Lincolnshire, England
Dave Wheeler

Control Risks Inc., Retired FBI
Gary Noesner

Crisis Management Training, Retired FBI
London "Max" Howard

Illinois Association of Hostage Negotiators
Jeff Mangiaracina

Western States Hostage Negotiators' Association
Devon Schrum

Florida Association of Hostage Negotiators
Mary Olsen