

REMEDIAL TRAINING

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CHIEF GLENN HUFFMAN, OF THE ORLAND HILLS (IL) POLICE DEPARTMENT, CALLS ASSISTANT CHIEF FRANK CEMPA, OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE "UHPD METHOD" OF REPORT WRITING INSTRUCTION...

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"FTTEQ" IS AN ACRONYM FOR UHPD'S FIND-THE-TEN-ERRORS QUIZZES. EACH QUIZ IS A DIFFERENT MOCK REPORT CONTAINING TEN MISTAKES A TRAINEE MUST IDENTIFY.



CHIEF CEMPA, WHAT ARE THE "FTTEQ's" YOUR DEPARTMENT INCLUDES IN ITS FIELD TRAINING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM?



"OUR TRAINING DIVISION HAS WRITTEN ABOUT SEVENTY FTTEQ's TO DATE. THESE COMPOSE WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE 'UHPD METHOD' OF REPORT WRITING INSTRUCTION."

"THE FTTEQ's ARE SIMPLE TO IMPLEMENT BY FIELD TRAINING INSTRUCTORS (FTI's). AN FTI MAY GIVE AN FTTEQ TO HIS/HER TRAINEE NEAR THE END OF THE SHIFT. THE FTI CAN WRITE HIS DAILY OBSERVATION REPORT (DOR) AS THE TRAINEE COMPLETES THE FTTEQ."



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"AT UHPD THE FTI REQUIRES THE TRAINEE TO REFER TO HIS/HER DEPARTMENTALLY ISSUED REPORT WRITING MANUAL WHILE EXAMINING THE FTTEQ FOR ERRORS."

"WHEN THE TRAINEE IS FINISHED, THE FTI USES AN ANSWER KEY TO GRADE THE FTTEQ. THE TRAINEE MUST IDENTIFY SEVEN OUT OF TEN ERRORS TO PASS THE EXERCISE."



A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER'S ATTENTION SPAN IS FREQUENTLY SHORT WHEN AN FTI IS TEACHING REPORT WRITING SKILLS.



THE UHPD METHOD, WITH ITS FTTEQ's, HAS PROVEN ITSELF AS AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION FOR THE MUNDANENESS ASSOCIATED WITH LEARNING THESE SKILLS.

THIS EPISODE IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO LT. BRAD WIGTL, CPL. DERRICK McCLINTON, AND FORMER CPL. ROBERT KECKLER FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UHPD METHOD OF REPORT WRITING INSTRUCTION.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL DESIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE METHOD MAY OBTAIN IT BY WRITING TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
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REQUESTS MUST BE MADE ON DEPARTMENTAL STATIONERY.