

CPOST ATTENDS- California Correctional Center's

REALITY BASED ALARM RESPONSE *Training*

OVERVIEW OF VISIT

The Commission on Correctional Peace Officer Standards and Training (CPOST) staff was recently invited to attend the California Correctional Center's bi-monthly Reality Based Alarm Response Training on March 2, 2016. This would be the second institution CPOST staff has had the opportunity of observing in regards to Alarm Response Training.

The day started in a housing unit where the inmates were temporarily removed so that the training staff could simulate a realistic environment for training scenarios. A sergeant from the institutions Investigative Services Unit gave a presentation to the officers about drugs and how they are currently being used by the inmates. Next, led by Lieutenant Ingwerson, participants were given hands on experience dealing with various riots and disturbances.

Lieutenant Ingwerson went into great detail of all possible outcomes of the officers' actions and gave them alternatives to gain control of each situation. The lieutenant took a "crawl, walk, run" approach to the training and guided the officers every step of the way. While the majority of the officers were participating in the practical application section, other officers in groups of two, were guided by a staff instructor through a series of scenarios that would make up the second section of the training day.

These real life scenarios ranged from one-on-one inmate fights in a cell, to aggressive non-compliant inmates, to an inmate inflicting harm on himself. Designated staff instructors debriefed and provided a positive assessment of how each officer responded to their individual scenarios. They also had each officer justify the use of force (if any) that was used. Staff at CCC were able to maximize their training efforts by utilizing multiple off duty officers for role players.

Through collaborative efforts between Warden Peery and Lieutenant Mendonca, the training day was a huge success. The training environment and comradery between staff was exceptional. CPOST would like to formally thank Warden Peery for allowing our staff to attend CCC's training as well as Lieutenant Mendonca for inviting us and for his professionalism, enthusiasm, and expertise in the field. CPOST would also like to thank Lieutenant Ingwerson for his wealth of knowledge, as well as his dedication to his staff.



Thank you!