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## **Press Release**

On 3/18/2016, Deputies from the Bates County Sheriff's Office received a full day of training in Bates County. The intense training took place at a residence just outside of Butler. The training was a day of reality based scenarios that Deputies face in rural areas. The training wasn't just for Deputies but also Detention and Transport Officers attended. The training was split into three different sections and times.

The morning session consisted of Detention and Transport Officers receiving real force on force training. The areas covered were protecting and retaining detainees during the transport process. Transport Officers travel all over the state to pick up subjects arrested on Bates County warrants and transport them thousands of miles each year. The Detention Officers and Transport Officers received training in Critical decision making and problem solving under extreme stress. Each officer received the real life scenario of a simulated assault on a transport vehicle carrying inmates. The Officers were required to secure the vehicle, protect the inmates and stop the assault. The Officers were actually taking and returning gun fire utilizing Simunition rounds.

The afternoon session consisted of Patrol Deputies responding to mock scenes of calls for service and mock traffic stops. During the afternoon session Deputies conducted traffic stops that would range from the average person who is compliant with the request of the Deputy to a citizen had become combative and performed a level of resistance. The Deputies were given skills to assess the appropriate response to a threat, use of force and level of force consistent with the type of threat they could see in the field. Several Deputies were shot at utilizing the Simunition rounds to help teach Critical decision making and problem solving under extreme stress. Some of the training centered around shoot/don't shoot scenarios where Deputies had to make a split second decision whether deadly force was an appropriate response.

The evening session of the day centered on training for the SERT Team. SERT stands for Sheriff's Emergency Response Team. The SERT team was formed by Sheriff Anderson in 2009 after the service of a search warrant where a subject wanted on multiple attempted warrants was being taken into custody. That subject shot one patrolman and barricaded himself in a bedroom. The SERT session also utilized Simunition rounds where Deputies responded to a domestic call and shots fired. The arriving Deputies had to contain the scene and then provide information to responding Deputies until SERT could take over. Some of the SERT training also covered negotiations/communications, hostage drills, shoot don't, legal requirements, current case laws, building searches and response to an active shooter.

The training was coordinated by the Bates County Sheriff's Office in house trainers who have received specialized training and experience in the areas of the training. Several of our trainers took time off at their full time employment elsewhere to teach the deputies the skills needed. Special thanks to those trainers Sergeant Kelly Phillips, Corporal Brad McGuire, Deputy Jerret Reno and the rest of the SERT team members who assisted.

"I would like to Thank the Men and Women who put on the Sheriff's uniform and go out to serve our community. I believe that we owe it to our Community, our Deputies and our Deputies families to make sure our Law Enforcement is equipped properly, highly trained and highly skilled" Says Sheriff Anderson. "The top notch training they just received is only a small portion of the continued training needs of all law enforcement. I am proud that in the face of unprecedented national criticism I have Deputies that are still willing to honor their oath and protect our citizens and it is my job to make sure they continue to be trained and equipped to handle whatever our citizens needs."

