



- Course Title:** Gangs and Security Threat Groups – 40 hours  
Advanced Course #1163
- Instructor(s):** Robert Mateo – Polk County Sheriff’s Office
- Date(s):** March 24 – 28, 2025
- Time(s):** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Monday – Friday)
- Location:** Polk State College - Center for Public Safety  
Kenneth C. Thompson Institute of Public Safety  
1251 Jim Keene Blvd  
Winter Haven, Florida 33880
- Cost:** Region 8 training funds will pay for Region 8 law enforcement and correctional officers as well as Region 8 support personnel (when seats are available). **Region 8 includes Polk, Hardee, Highlands, and Desoto counties.**  
Student applications from outside of Region 8 will be placed on a waiting list to fill any open seats not filled by Region 8 officers.
- Description:** This course is part of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission Advanced Training Program. This course will provide the officer and investigator with limited experience the ability to apply Florida statutes related to gangs, security threat groups, and criminal enterprises; to legally identify, document, and track different types of gangs and gang cultures; to apply appropriate interpersonal skills while interviewing gang members and witnesses; to collaborate with outside agencies, and utilize a variety of intelligence resources, investigative skills, and enforcement techniques towards gang suppression.

This course qualifies for salary incentive and mandatory retraining.

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**KENNETH C. THOMPSON INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**Training Authorization & Advanced/Specialized Course Registration**

**Student Authorization (Formerly CJSTC 15A)**

**Student Registration**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (FULL Middle Name) (Sr, Jr, etc)

Student SS#: \_\_\_\_\_ Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor/email \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Law Enforcement ☐ Corrections ☐ Correctional Probation ☐ Civilian ☐

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (city) (state) (zip)

<b>Date of Birth</b>  <b>MM / DD / YYYY</b>	<b>Gender</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<b>Telephone Numbers</b>  Preferred:  Work:
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Race (Required by the U.S. Office of Education Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964)

<input type="checkbox"/> White (Non-Hispanic) <input type="checkbox"/> Black (Non-Hispanic)	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native
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**Note: Form MUST be completed in its entirety or the officer WILL NOT be registered. Ensure that you are using the most current form for this class.** These forms are pre-filled for specific classes and located with the course announcement online <https://www.polk.edu/ips>.

**Officers/Civilians in Region 8 are at \$0.00 fee. Officers/Civilians outside of Region 8 will be placed on a waiting list to fill any open seats not taken by Region 8 officers. Only courses selected for salary incentive will be entered into FDLE's ATMS, with the following exceptions: Instructor courses, Breath Test Operator/ Refresher, Agency Inspector / Refresher, and Canine Team Training.**

Course #	Course Title	Dates	Time	Location
				Center for Public Safety

Course Credit (Check One): Salary Incentive ☐ Mandatory Retraining ☐

Neither ☐ (support personnel/civilians only)

Authorized Agency Representative (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Agency Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_