



- Course Title:** Gangs and Security Threat Groups – 40 hours
Advanced Course #1163
- Instructor(s):** Robert Mateo – Polk County Sheriff’s Office
- Date(s):** March 23 – 27, 2026
- 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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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)

Date of Birth MM / DD / YYYY	Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female	Telephone Numbers Preferred: Work:
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Race (Required by the U.S. Office of Education Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964)

☐ White (Non-Hispanic) ☐ Black (Non-Hispanic)	☐ Asian/Pacific Islander ☐ Hispanic	☐ 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: _____