:WHITEPAPER:

Law Enforcement Training Limitations

Part 5
Going Green



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SUMMARY

The world today is moving towards a "greener" mentality, which means using less and saving more. Of course, this includes law enforcement agencies around the world as well since governments providing money tend to support green initiatives. Materials that can be reused should be reused. The goal of going greener is to encourage less waste and demand more efficiency. Going green even saves time and money in some cases. Having a green mentality does not mean subscribing to a fringe group, but some of those ideas can be shared to bring a leaner operation to your life and work. The iCOMBAT system is one of the greenest platforms available and greatly helps with sustainability in regards to training.

Problem

Law enforcement training programs today are often fraught with waste. Not only are time and money wasted (as explained in Part 4 of the Whitepaper series), but materials as well. Current training methods might not leave a lot of waste, but it certainly adds up over time. Take Simunition™ for example. The cases are ejected and not always cleaned up. Brass is left strewn about both indoors and outdoors. You also have the waxy fill and plastic cap. Where do you think those go when not fully cleaned up? Sure, they are marketed as environmentally safe, but iCOMBAT offers an even better solution. The fact that most training products on the market today are projectile-based means that surroundings can be damaged as well, leading to more waste.

The chemicals and elements making up training products today are often harmful over time. Projectile-based systems use brass, plastic, and in some cases, powders and primers to fire. When it comes time to clean this up, you have to use soap and water. Sometimes solvents and cleaners are required as well.

The current training systems usually require you to visit a certain place to conduct the training. These places must be constructed like any other building and sometimes cost a lot of money. Materials are used to build the place and the facilities require water, electric, and heat/cooling. You are also using gas when traveling to and from these places. You can bet most law enforcement officers have to travel quite far to visit a quality training facility.

Some of the larger virtual reality training systems require large amounts of power to operate. The gadgets often times use batteries, which may or may not be rechargeable. If it's an older product, the charging times might be long and inefficient.

Last but not least, have you thought about the amount of waste or garbage that comes from your current training methods? Boxes, wrappers, and paper towels probably make up the bulk of your thrown away material.

Solution

All of the above problems easily disappear when using the iCOMBAT training system. The entire platform is "green" from the get-go. It is manufactured in a state-of-the-art facility (UEI) through high efficiency, ISO9001 standards. Even the packaging is slimmed down and carefully chosen to reduce waste.

Since iCOMBAT is a projectile-less training system, there is almost no waste or garbage when being used. You no longer have to continue to buy and use things like ammunition or batteries. There is no damage to the surrounding environment and no clean up is needed. No more chemicals or wasted cleaning products.

Since iCOMBAT gives you the ability to train anywhere, you will not have to travel to a special place. You'll save gas and the products used to build the place can go towards something more worthwhile. The energy and resources the training center would have used up are saved instead.

The only thing iCOMBAT uses is a small amount of electricity. The batteries are high efficiency rechargeables, so simply plugging the units into a standard wall outlet will get them going. The irGuns and irVest hold their charges for weeks at a time, even when being used. Total charge times for a completely dead battery only amount to 5-7 hours. Once fully charged, they then go into trickle mode, which prevents battery damage and slows the flow of current, which further reduces the amount of energy used.

Law enforcement agencies around the nation can claim that they are using the greenest training technology available. This not only looks good in the public eye, but also with regulators and budget hawks. Switch to iCOMBAT to create a leaner, less wasteful department today.

iCOMBAT is also GSA certified which means all federal standards and regulations must be met, including waste management and industrial green standards.

References

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