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With thirty years of law enforcement experience I have been afforded an opportunity to train in many disciplines directly related to providing a quality police service. Oftentimes when the training has been something other than pursuit driving, firearms proficiency or defensive tactics those in attendance seem to become bored and/or lose focus. Not so with a recent training experience I had that was offered by Lamberth Consulting.

Preventing Racial Profiling Practices Course was an interactive and thought provoking course on a very sensitive and sometimes volatile subject matter. While the information itself was not anything new to my classmates and myself the chance to interact with one another and work through scenarios and situations together enhanced our appreciation of ideas and ideologies different from our own experiences. Eyes were opened to the concept that perception of members of the community does have to be honestly and ethically which helps to forge relationships and establish mutual respect of all parties concerned.

Communications plays such a major role in all of our relationships in law enforcement. The Biased Policing Practices Solutions Series gave considerable attention to communicating across cultural and ethnic lines. The course not only identified the problem but also suggested some strategies to combat the practice if it exists in your agency.

The world that we police has changed significantly since 1973, when I entered the field, it is imperative that we in law enforcement educate ourselves and adapt if we are to continue to provide a safe and secure environment for all of the citizens that we service. I found this course to be challenging and it never lost sight of the objectives, which were clearly established. This was, indeed, a very positive training experience for me.

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To provide our community with a solution driven approach to public safety, built upon a proud history of professionalism and mutual respect.