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HUNTERDON COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE CONDUCTS ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, stated, “The Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office is committed to providing schools, businesses, houses of worship, the general public, law enforcement and other first responders the necessary tools and resources to effectively plan, prepare, respond and recover from threats of active violence. In 2012, the Hunterdon County Safe Campus Initiative commenced with all public schools adopting common language and responses for various types of school related emergencies, including “active shooter” events.”

To date, thousands of teachers, students and first responders have been trained in the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) from the “I Love U Guys Foundation.” The Foundation has produced a common language safety program that is rapidly accomplishing the goal of creating national awareness and adoption of the universal language and action program for use in schools and throughout communities. According to the I Love U Guys Foundation, the SRP is currently being used in over 15,000 schools in the U.S. and Canada.

Prosecutor Kearns added, “In addition to the Hunterdon County Safe Campus Initiative, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office Special Operations Unit now provides active shooter training and workplace violence training for businesses and houses of worship. The Special Operations Unit has worked closely with, or have been trained by nationally recognized subject matter experts who have personally experienced or responded to some of this nation's most tragic mass casualty or school shooting incidents.”

One of the programs is the "*Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)*" course, designed and built on the "Avoid, Deny, Defend" strategy developed by the Texas State University Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT). The program was developed in 2004, and provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, law enforcement response and medical considerations. In the past several months, our Special Operations unit has trained over 1,000 civilians.

Recently, nearly 100 QuickChek employees were trained at their corporate headquarters in Whitehouse Station by members of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor Office Special Operations Unit and the Readington Township Police Department.

According to Lou Linares, QuickChek Corporate Security Leader, “Lieutenant Burd came out to the QuickChek Support Center and held three 2-hour CRASE courses. The courses filled up quickly with about 25 to 30 Team Members in each session. We have never had training in this area before and we were eager to learn. Our Team Members thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to learn more about how to protect ourselves and others in these critical situations. The presentation and supporting materials were very good in forming his case in proving that you can never be too safe.”



Pictures left to right, Lt. Kevin Burd, Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office, Lt. Joseph Greco, Readington Township Police Department, and Lou Linares, Quick Chek Security.

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