

PPCT COLLAPSIBLE BATON INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Course Description

The PPCT Collapsible Baton / Impact Weapon System (PPCT) has developed a reputation as one of the simplest and most effective baton systems available. This three day instructor course is compatible to traditional straight batons or collapsible batons made by any manufacturer.

The system is based upon three principles: 1) the use of an impact weapon is justified when the officer perceives his skill level in empty hand control has been or will be ineffective. 2) the negative effects of stress which develop from high level resistance, require an impact weapon system to be simple. Therefore, the system is structured around three strikes and three blocks. All are gross motor skills, which are compatible to the affects of survival stress. This simplicity in design allows for quicker learning and retention under the stress of resistance. 3) The course emphasizes striking large nerve motor points which are four to five inches in diameter. These targets have been proven to be more effective and have less potential for permanent injury, than striking joints or indiscriminate targets.

Course Goals

1. To examine survival learning research and design methods for subject control systems.
2. To identify the primary and secondary striking targets.
3. To identify the medical implications of targets.
4. To identify the PPCT Fluid Shock Wave Principle, a system of striking which enhances subject control.
5. To teach the PPCT Collapsible Baton/Impact Weapon striking system.
6. To teach the recommended PPCT methods of de-escalation

Course Topics

Survival Learning Research

This unit examines research from educational psychology, motor learning science and neurobiology, and applies the research to the design of use of force systems. The units explains why simple gross motor skills and systems with few techniques, are more compatible to use of force training.

PPCT Control Principles

The foundation of the PPCT training systems is based upon a series of training principles. This unit examines the PPCT Force Continuum, principles of control, survival reaction time and tactical positioning.

PPCT Blocks

This unit addresses three blocks designed to strike the arms and legs. The blocks are directed primarily at the motor points of the target and are defensive in nature.

PPCT Striking System

The three strikes in this unit are restricted to the arms and legs to establish control of an aggressive subject. The strikes are directed at the nerve motor points of the arms or legs and will immediately cause a motor dysfunction to the target. All of the strikes are gross motor skills and can be learned in minutes and retained indefinitely.

De-escalation Techniques

The use of de-escalation techniques are critical to any impact weapon system. The PPCT Impact Weapon System employs de-escalation techniques before and after the use of a baton.

Use of Force Report Writing

Knowing how to justify the use of an impact weapon can be just as important as knowing how to use the baton in the field. PPCT has developed a simple Use of Force Reporting Model to help the officer accurately report the elements of using the impact weapon.