

WESTERN STATES HOSTAGE NEGOTIATORS' ASSOCIATION

**2019 Featured Presenters
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Larry Gordon - Dallas Police Department

Larry Gordon began his law enforcement career with the Dallas Police Department in March, 1995. In June, 1997 he was selected to join the Dallas Police Department's Specialized Crime Unit. Larry has also worked undercover operations for the FBI. In November, 2001 Larry was assigned undercover for the Narcotics Division. Larry has also served with the ATF Taskforce that targeted violent drug suspects. In 2004, Larry transferred to the Dallas Police Department SWAT where he is currently assigned as a Hostage/Crisis Negotiator. He has successfully negotiated peaceful resolutions to countless barricaded and suicidal subjects. Larry was the Lead Negotiator during the attack on Dallas Police HQ. Larry earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Texas and is certified by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) as an Instructor. In addition to the instructor certification, Larry is also experienced in many other police disciplines and teaches in the United States, Africa and Brazil.

Synopsis of Presentation

July 7, 2016, tensions were high again across the country after police shot two black men, Philando Castile and Alton Sterling. Both incidents are captured in widely circulated videos. A day of protest led to a 25-year old Army veteran, Micah Johnson, taking action. Wearing a steel-plated bulletproof vest and holding an AK 74 semiautomatic rifle, Johnson shot twelve Officers, five fatally. Dallas SWAT cornered the suspect and a four hour negotiation ensued. This presentation outlines how Officer Gordon, as Lead Negotiator, was able to contain the suspect, leading to a resolution.

'Gus'



LA Ghassan (Gus) Hajjar joined the FBI in 2003, after a professional career with Boeing and Agilent Technologies as a Financial Analyst. Gus grew up in East Beirut, Lebanon during the height of the civil war; an experience that enabled him to skillfully interview and consult on numerous FBI and other Law Enforcement agency investigations. Gus served eight tours in Iraq Functions, from interviewing high-value detainees, to assisting in hostage and criminal investigations. His efforts identified persons of international connections who posed a threat to the U.S. Gus is a certified Interviewing and Interrogations instructor, LAST 2.0 Instructor, and served as a Threat Identification and Mitigation instructor. On the home front, LA Hajjar has been involved, in many high-profile terrorism cases, including the Sami Al-Hussayen case in Boise, Fort Dix Six, in Cherry Hill NJ, Musa Muhammad Salah, Mosa Abut Marzook, and Al Ashqar, in Chicago, Joseph Brice in Spokane WA, and the Hammadi and 'Alwan case in Bowling Green, KY. LA Hajjar is fluent in four languages and has a MBA in Finance.

Synopsis of Presentation

'Gus' will present attendees a unique inside look of the culture and ideologies of extreme terrorism and how to properly identify and negotiate with them.
