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VIPD Hosting Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) for the First Time in the U.S. Virgin Islands Territory

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas- The VIPD Training Bureau is hosting a two-week Use of Force Instructor Training Class on behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) at the UVI Sports & Fitness Center. The Training started on August 22, 2022, and ends on September 2, 2022. VIPD Officers along with local Government Multi-Agency Law Enforcement officers are also attending this training.

It is the first time the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) is hosting this training in the U.S. Virgin Islands territory and the Training Bureau is more than honored for this opportunity. “ This training on Use of Force will seek to help broaden our scope as it relates to use of force, as this is a major consent decree concern; reporting, investigating, and dealing with use of force holistically.” said Commissioner Ray Martinez, who is also a graduate of the FLETC program.

During this training officers will be provided with the foundational information and skills necessary for them to design, develop, deliver, and evaluate others making critical decisions related to the use of force. Basic use of force concepts; Legal understanding; Mental preparation; and Human performance considerations are discussed. In addition, documenting use of force incidents and testifying in relation to the use of force will also be provided.

The Use of Force Instructor Training Program is designed to give the instructor the skills necessary to teach others how to make objectively reasonable force choices and be able to explain the reasons for their decisions.

The VIPD is highly dedicated in making sure that training such as this remains a top priority for the department.

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