Crisis Negotiations: Is Recording the Answer?

Lieutenant Larry Ward

Abstract

This study will look at the history of how Special Responds Teams and Crisis Negotiation Teams were developed, some of their current uses and some possible future ways these unique units can serve the law enforcement community. This study will focus on the way different agencies use written, audio and video recordings that are generated from Critical Incidents in which these teams are forced to respond to in order to protect the lives of the citizens they are entrusted to serve and protect. Overall this study will look at the pros and cons of retaining these negotiations from a budget, training and legal standpoint of information gathered from Florida law enforcement agencies with sworn personal of 150-500.