

## **Instructor Bio for:**

### **Richard E. Purcell**

I began teaching before I was 'certified' by the state when I was called to assist another instructor. That instructor was familiar with my martial arts skills and needed help with classes in Defensive Tactics. I have been teaching in a Law Enforcement setting for 30 years, and to date, have instructed for over 100 law enforcement academies. I am currently North Carolina Department of Justice certified as a General Instructor, specialized in Physical Fitness, Subject Control and Arrest Techniques, First Responder, and Explosives and Hazardous Materials. I also hold certification through the American Heart Association as a Basic Life Support (CRP and First Aid) Instructor. Other Instructor certifications that I have held are: OC Aerosol Projectors, Chemical Munitions, Specialty Impact Munitions, Distraction Devices, ASP Tactical Baton, Basic and Advanced Ground Fighting, and Taser. I have served over 15 years on the NC Justice Academy's Subject Control revisions committee. I have over 5 years' experience as a Qualified Assistant in directing NC Basic Law Enforcement Training schools at Alamance Community College and currently at Guilford Technical Community College.