



### **Don McCrea Bio**

Don McCrea is President of Premier Police Training and has over 35 years of law enforcement experience. He served nine of those years as a Special Assistant Attorney General and top-rated academy instructor for the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, Law Enforcement Training Section.

While in that position, Don specialized in scenario-based skills evaluations, development of basic and advanced law enforcement curricula, and the use of adult learning strategies.

Don was also academic program coordinator for a four-year law enforcement degree program at South Dakota State University and part-time deputy sheriff for the Brookings County Sheriff's Office.

For over twenty years, Don instructed defensive tactics. He is currently a firearms instructor, MILO simulator use of force evaluator, and provides consulting, expert witness, and training services for law enforcement agencies, the U.S. DOJ, COPS office, the Federal Public Defender's Office, CRI TAC, and the Federal Public Defender's Office.

Don is a subject matter expert in non-escalation, de-escalation, duty to intervene, police use of force, force avoidance, and search and seizure.

Don is an accomplished author of several law enforcement training books. He holds a bachelor's degree in the biological sciences and a master's degree in criminal justice, graduating Summa Cum Laude. Don's teaching skills, knowledge, and dynamic presentations significantly increase officer confidence and effectiveness, reduce agency liability, and build community trust.