

Instructor Bio – Dwight Hall

I have over 32 years of experience as a sworn peace officer in the field of corrections, with 27 years serving in command leadership and more than 16 years dedicated to professional instruction, training administration, and curriculum development. I currently serve as the Administrator for the Madison County Detention Center in Richmond, Kentucky, where I oversee all daily operations, staff supervision, inmate management, and compliance with state and federal standards.

Over the course of my career, I have served at every operational and command level—from Sergeant to Major and Administrator—across two major detention centers in Kentucky. My professional focus has always been on building high-performing teams through structured leadership, evidence-based training, and the consistent application of professional standards.

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

For over 16 years, I've served as an instructor, training administrator, and field training officer. I have developed and delivered both pre-service and in-service programs in ethics, defensive tactics, internal investigations, use of force, and leadership. I've trained correctional officers, supervisors, and command staff throughout the Commonwealth and have provided consulting and instructional services to agencies across the state.

As a use of force subject matter expert, I've conducted courses that integrate both operational and behavioral science principles, teaching staff how to perform effectively under stress while maintaining sound judgment, accountability, and control. My teaching style emphasizes realism, decision-making, and professional discipline—linking classroom theory to operational application.

INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATIONS

I hold multiple state and national instructor credentials, including:

- Master Instructor – Less Lethal Applications (OC Aerosol, Impact Munitions, Chemical Munitions, Distraction Devices)
- Master Instructor – Firearms (Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, 37MM & 40MM Launcher)
- Master Instructor – Corrections Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.)
- Master Instructor – G.L.O.V.E. System & Sound Shield Defense
- Master Instructor – G.L.O.V.E. Defensive Tactics
- P.P.C.T. Threat Recognition & Defensive Tactics / Monadnock Auto-Lock Baton
- Axon Taser Instructor
- PepperBall Launcher Instructor
- Edged Weapon Defense Instructor
- Certified Instructor

CERTIFICATIONS AND LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

In addition to my instructor credentials, I hold several national certifications and have completed advanced leadership programs through the American Jail Association, American Correctional Association, FBI-LEEDA, and the National Institute of Corrections, including:

- Certified Jail Manager (CJM)
- Certified Corrections Executive (CCE)
- Nationally Certified Internal Affairs Investigator
- Force Science Analyst
- FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Leadership Award (Supervisor, Command, and Executive Leadership Institutes)
- National Jail Command Leadership Academy – Class #45
- Executive Excellence – National Institute of Corrections
- Jail Executive Institute – Class #03, Omaha University / AJA

PROFESSIONAL FOCUS

My instructional philosophy centers on developing competent, confident, and ethical professionals who understand both the human and operational side of the corrections profession. I believe effective training requires more than teaching tactics—it's about building judgment, resilience, and professionalism that carry over into every aspect of an officer's performance.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

I've been honored with several awards for service and leadership, including:

- Madison County Detention Center Employee of the Year – 2023
- Madison County First Responder Award of Excellence – 2023
- Madison County Government Employee Spotlight – 2024
- Academic Achiever and Field Training Excellence Award – LFUCG Division of Corrections
- 12 letters of recognition/appreciation from LFUCG-Division of Corrections

SUMMARY

Training and leadership have been the foundation of my career. Whether teaching recruits, mentoring supervisors, or developing policy and training systems, my goal is always to raise the standard of professionalism within our field. I believe corrections professionals can—and should—operate with precision, confidence, and integrity, and I'm committed to building that mindset in every class I lead.