

DAVID J. SPERLING

Writer/Filmmaker ~ Instructor/Speaker ~ Custody Officer
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WORK EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

1992 - Present

DEFIANT LOVE

Consultation-Guidance-Teaching-Training-Public Speaking:

Personal Health, Fitness & Nutrition, Crisis Intervention, Suicide Prevention, Chemical Dependency, Sober Coaching & Companionship, Interventions, Stress Management, Tactical Communication, Self Esteem & Behavior Issues.

Writer/Filmmaker:

Writing, Screenwriting and Filmmaking - Current projects include comedy & narrative screenplays, non-fiction books and documentaries.

2008 - 2009

Morningside Recovery

Health & Behavior Lecturer:

Group Instruction/Discussion

2007 – 2014

Mission Pacific Coast Recovery Center - Mission Hospital Laguna Beach

Chemical Dependency Instructor:

Group Instruction/Discussion

1992 - 2019

Newport Beach Police Department

Custody Officer:

Jail operations, booking of arrestees, crisis intervention & suicide prevention, chemical dependency intervention, counseling, assistance referral and inmate welfare.

Citizen's Police Academy Instructor - Jail

Peer Support Team

1991-1992

Professional Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential - National University

Newport-Mesa Unified School District - Student Teacher:

First & Sixth Grade Instruction

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1990-1992

Newport-Mesa Unified School District

Instructional Aide - Special Education:

Counseling, tutoring & teaching at risk high school students.

1988-1990

B.A. Social Ecology - Psychology and Social Behavior - University of California at Irvine

Emphasis on Crime, Society & Human Behavior

1988-1990

UCI Field Study project

"Special Friends" program - Internship with School Psychologist

Dr. John Whitely & Dr. Victoria Dendinger

Counseling, tutoring & teaching at risk elementary school students.

1986-1988

Orange Coast College

General Education

Psychology Club Chapter Member

Honor Roll

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CERTIFICATION & COURSEWORK (partial list)

Field Training Officer (FTO) School - OCSD
Crisis Negotiations Core Course & Certification - FBI
Title 15 Rules & Regulations - Bill Naber & Associates
Jail Suicide Prevention & Crisis Intervention - OCSD
Suicide Prevention Hotline Training - Didi Hirsch LA Suicide Prevention Center
Family Interventions -Training Institute For Addictions Counselors - Fr. Jack Kearney
Interpersonal Communication & Relationships - Gary Smalley
Tactical Communications & Verbal Judo - Sgt. Ralph Brown
Suicide Prevention & Mental Illness - Fullerton PD
Tactical Communication & Cultural Diversity - Costa Mesa PD
The Definition Of Suicide - Phil McCready - UCI
Screening For Mental Illness - American Corrections Conference
Stress Management For Supervisors - California Sheriff's Association
Corrections Crisis Interventions - American Corrections Conference
Conflict Resolution - Bill Naber & Associates
Mental Illness/Developmentally Disabled Responders - Buena Park PD
Excited Delirium: Preventing In-Custody Death - Santa Clara DOC
Understanding Self Injury - American Corrections Conference
Hostage Survival - Kern County Sheriff's Department
Managing Inmate Behavior - Bill Naber & Associates
Active Listening & Communication Issues - LASO
Controlled Substances – OCSD
Drug Use Recognition - Costa Mesa Police Department
HIV/AIDS, Bloodborne Pathogens & Communicable Diseases - American Red Cross
Correctional Officer Core Course & Certification - OCSD
832 PC - Powers of Arrest - Rio Hondo Police Academy
Inmate Assaults - The Corrections Center
High Risk Inmates - Huntington Beach PD
Parolee Contacts - Sgt Ken Whitely
Policing the Mentally Ill – Nick Ramos - SOG Training Center
Street & Prison Gangs - Torrance PD
Radical Islamic Terrorism - Long Beach PD
Emergency Terrorism Incident Response - OCSD
Riots: Prevention & Handling - Sgt. Todd Dearmore
Employee Leadership & Management – SCCSD

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MISCELLANEOUS RELATED TRAINING

CPR/First Aid, Fire & Life Safety, Cell Extractions,
Defensive Tactics, Use Of Force/Physical Control,
Sexual Harassment, Chemical Sprays, Medical Screening,
Life Threatening Food Allergies, Searching Techniques