



Surviving First Amendment Audits and Citizen Journalist Encounters

First Amendment Auditing has grown into a cottage industry and shows no signs of slowing.

The Challenge

Cop watchers have been active for more than 30 years, and First Amendment Audits have been on the rise for a decade. Yet each day new videos are posted to social media featuring officers who appear completely unprepared for the encounters. "Failed" audits undermine public trust in our already embattled institutions and, too often, result in increasingly costly civil suits. All public servants, peace officers in particular, must be equipped with the most current case law, the requisite communication skills, and the right mental attitude, if we are to expect them to meet this challenge and uphold the public trust.

Why Choose Us



Deep Industry Experience

We bring more than 40 years of public service experience, combined with almost 35 years in adult education and training.



We Know the Topic

We have studied the rise of First Amendment Auditing for more than 25 years, since the early days of the "Cop Watch" movement.



We Hate Bad Training

This will not be "Death by PowerPoint." Our trainers combine research based methods and personal zeal to deliver a dynamic and memorable instructional experience.

The Course Covers:

Recognizing an Audit

- What do they look like?
- Where do they take place?
- What are typical Auditor strategies?

Current Case Law

- Which activities are protected?
- When is a camera evidence?
- Who may film? Where? When?
- What is a "journalist"?

Strategies and Tactics

- What to say, what not to say.
- Avoid traps and pitfalls.
- Recognize and deflect Auditors' attempts to provoke.
- How to be better at what YOU do than they are at what THEY do.

The Latest Information

- Course materials are continually updated as Auditor tactics evolve.
- Student feedback is incorporated following each presentation.

