

# Interpreter Training Group

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# **INTERPRETER SURVIVAL GUIDE 101** Surviving Vicarious Trauma & The Mean Streets of the Courtroom

Time / Date: TBD (3 hrs.)CIMCE / CEU Credits/Hrs. Three (3)Location: TBD / WebinarInstructor: Jeff Torres, Interpreter Training GroupMethod of Delivery: Instructor Led / Live Webinar

#### Course Description:

This <u>Non-Language Specific</u> Three (3) CIMCE/CEU credit/hour course will outline and familiarize today's Interpreter with the many associated and job related emotional and physical dangers faced by interpreters on a daily basis and in many courtrooms and interpreter dependent environments across the country! From the stress of internalizing and experiencing the emotional roller coaster brought on by interpreting for victims, witnesses or family members of sexual assault, homicide, domestic violence or traumatic events in courtrooms, medical facilities, or any other interpreter dependent environment. This course will also address the ever present danger the interpreter faces when dealing with hostile "In-Custody" individuals, irate family members, witnesses and mentally and narcotic compromised persons in both the courtroom and other interpreter dependent environments including medical and social services interpreter assignments.

Interpreters taking this course learn to recognize the indicators of stress brought on by exposure to intense emotional courtroom and other professional interpreter dependent situations and learn skills designed to address and mitigate problems inherent to continued exposure to stressful and emotionally charged interpreting situations. P.T.S.D. (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), Depression, Anxiety, Work Performance Degradation and Relationship Issues are just a few signs of exposure to highly toxic and dangerous emotional situations encountered in the Interpreter work environment. Learn to recognize the toxic effects of emotional workplace trauma and do something before it affects you! A must have course for Interpreters who work in criminal, family law, immigration, medical and social services environments on a regular basis!

#### Instructor / Provider Bio.

Jeff Torres is currently a full-time Law Enforcement professional with over 25 years of law enforcement experience, supervision and training. His vast experience as both an investigator and supervisor in many high-level felony investigations including, but not limited to, Homicide, Robbery, Narcotics, White Collar, Fraud, Sexual Assault and Death Investigation, which makes him uniquely qualified to present on topics that directly impact the work of professional Interpreters in the judicial, medical and social services fields.

Mr. Torres' experience as a Narcotic Task Force Supervisor, combined with his many years of Patrol experience, has led to his ability to speak professionally on topics related to current illegal drug trends, criminality and the operational tactics of organizations supplying them to our communities. Furthermore, Mr. Torres has had many years of training in regard to a variety of weapons and firearms platforms used by law enforcement, criminal organizations and the community at large. As a result, Mr. Torres has extensive knowledge in regard to the use, make-up and technical aspects of many types of firearms and non-ballistic weapons.

As a Field Training Officer, Operations Patrol Sergeant and Criminal Investigations Supervisor, he has trained and mentored many newly assigned peace officers in police operations / investigations, safety tactics and many other "officer safety" considerations. Furthermore, Mr.Torres' tenure as a law enforcement professional has allowed him to gain specific knowledge as a "first responder" and understands the effects and causes of vicarious trauma and the personal and professional impact it has on individuals who are affected by extreme violence or exposure to highly emotional and/or stressful situations on a continuous basis.

Mr. Torres is certified by the California State Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and currently possesses Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Supervisory Certification which is issued to Peace Officers who have attained defined levels of academic education, law enforcement training, supervisory experience and years of service in the law enforcement profession.

As the Director and Founder of the Interpreter Training Group, Mr.Torres has had extensive public presentation experience and has conducted numerous training sessions nationally with associated professional groups. The information contained in the workshops and webinars presented by Mr. Torres will be presented through live "in person" or live webinar interactive lecture, electronic presentation, hand-out literature, "hands-on" training aids and items specific to the presented educational topic. Furthermore, Mr. Torres' interpreter continuing education is always approved for interpreter continuing education and is "Language Neutral" so that all spoken languages can benefit from Mr. Torres' courses.

## **Course Requirements:**

Due to the sensitive information contained within the course of instruction, only Federally Certified, State Certified, Provisionally Certified Interpreters, Medical Interpreters and those who actively work, or study in the legal field, will be allowed to participate in the class. Student participation in class will be at the sole discretion of the instructor. This course is <u>not</u> RID certified for ASL Professional Development credit. Please refer to the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) for a complete list of certified Professional Development courses.

## **Registration Information:**

Class Tuition: \$95.00 per person Pre-Registration – \$10 late registration fee day of training Refunds: Full Refund Available \* (go to WWW.ITGCLASS.COM for conditions\*) Send Name, Address and Telephone Contact Information to: ITGclass@gmail.com For More Info Call: (559) 315-2005

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