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Sheriff Cribb Rents Simulator for Agencies of Georgetown County

(Georgetown, SC) ---Sheriff A. Lane Cribb rented a Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) from En-Mark Simulator Rentals of Bloomington, Indiana for seven days for training employees of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office. The Georgetown City Police, Andrews Police Department, Pawleys Island Police Department, and other agencies in Georgetown County were invited by Sheriff Cribb to take advantage of this state of the art equipment.

The system provides approximately 60 different scenarios of real life situations which may be encountered on a daily basis by officers. The equipment requires that you not only have weapons which would be available in real law enforcement situations, but the trainee must interact with the individual using voice commands. The officers must make judgmental decisions immediately in response to the situation at hand and decide to communicate with the individual, shoot or don't shoot. Real outcomes play out upon the officer's choice of action.

The FATS machine is a useful tool for new officers as well as seasoned officers to sharpen their skills. The officers must know the different commands for different situations and how to communicate with the suspect(s).

Sheriff Cribb was delighted to provide such a useful learning experience for the employees of law enforcement in Georgetown County in the hopes that officers exposed to different scenarios within a simulator will be better prepared in the field.

Sheriff Cribb said, "The training simulator introduces our officers to real life situations facing law enforcement today and provides them with the opportunity of using techniques in controlling compliant and non-compliant suspects. We use it to evaluate our deputy's skills and the choices they made during the intense sessions to ensure proper response to life threatening scenarios."

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