



Case Study

TRAINEE

Deputy Aaron Gates

Introduction & Orientation

The case study exercise offers Field Training Officers (FTOs) a series of written scenarios designed to illustrate situations FTOs might encounter while training new officers/deputies. This case study introduces a trainee and provides some details of his/her background. During the course, you will be provided additional written scenario information about your trainee relevant to the block of learning you are addressing. You will be provided time to examine and discuss each scenario within your group with regard to:

1. Identifying the specific positive and/or negative aspects of the trainee's behaviors/actions.
2. What methods you would use to handle the situation, making use of all available resources.
3. How the scenario relates to the relevant learning points of the course.

Trainee Bio

Your group's trainee is Deputy Aaron Gates. Deputy Gates is a 21-year-old male with a high school education. He lives with his parents. He has worked as a clerk in an auto parts store since high school, but has always wanted to be a deputy sheriff. Deputy Gates put himself through an extended basic police academy while still working as an assistant manager at the auto parts store. He was an average student in the academy. The academy staff noted that while he gave 100% effort at all times, he was only able to graduate in the middle of his class.