

Shoot or Don't Shoot?

KACo orders firearms simulators to assist with training law enforcement, correctional, public safety officials.

HOW does one train for a life-or-death situation? How can counties officials safeguard the men and women who choose to serve counties as law enforcement, public safety and correctional officers?

Officials with the Kentucky Association of Counties recently placed an order with IES Interactive Training, Inc., a leading U.S. simulation training systems manufacturer, for three of its award-winning MILO Range Pro use-of-force simulators to provide training for law enforcement, correctional, and other public safety officials throughout Kentucky.

KACo Executive Director/CEO Bob Arnold said that this new technology will be offered to agencies throughout Kentucky in an effort “to provide state-of-the-art high-quality interactive training sessions, which will focus on improving an officer’s ability to make proper split-second decisions, enhance their individual shooting skills, and ultimately improve their levels of self-confidence in preparation for actual real-life experiences, where encounters with criminals could ultimately result in actual life or death decisions.”

KACo Director of Insurance Joe Greathouse said, “The MILO Range Pro Simulators are also very portable, which will allow our Loss Control Specialists to utilize them on a regular basis as they work with county-elected officials who are continuously striving to make their communities safer, prevent employees from being injured on the job, and save taxpayers insurance premiums.”

MILO use-of-force simulation systems are currently being used by some of the leading local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, such as Louisville Metro, Los Angeles Police Department, Miami-Dade County Florida Police Department, Denver Police Department, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Marshal’s Service and the U.S. Military Services.

The MILO Range Pro simulation systems ordered by KACo include three complete mobile high-definition (HD) simulation suites, with options for Taser training, less-lethal options and interactive classroom training, according to Brian Roy, KACo loss control specialist and former Marshall County sheriff.

Also, the systems come complete with IES’s

trainee-action capture system, where an officer’s actions during the training session can be digitally recorded and then replayed instantly in picture-in-picture format for the instructors to review with the trainees.

“Simulation training allows officers to safely participate in a number of different situations in one afternoon that normally would take years of actual on-the-job experience to receive,” said Boyle County Judge/Executive Tony Wilder, Chairman of the KACo All Lines Fund Board.

“KACo staff, along with the entire board of directors, is proud to play such an active role in safeguarding the men and women who choose to serve counties in their vital roles as law enforcement, public safety, and correctional officers,” Arnold said. “Their safety, along with the potential of protection it offers to the counties we serve throughout Kentucky, is certainly well deserving of the cost.”

KACo is always looking for ways to better serve counties and their elected officials across Kentucky. If you have a suggestion or would like to learn more about the firearms simulator program, con-



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