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TO: GEORGEANNE WHITE, City Manager
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SUBJECT: ADVANCED COMBAT EVOLUTIONS, OWNER MATT ALEXANDER,
UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO INSTRUCT CA POST APPROVED BASIC
SNIPER CLASS OFFERED BY FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT
REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

The Fresno Police Department Regional Training Center holds over 37 California P.O.S.T. approved training classes and offers law enforcement training covering a wide range of topics from basic skills to advanced specialty skills. Some sworn positions within law enforcement agencies in the state of California require specialized skills and training that are strictly regulated and mandated by both the California Penal Code and the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (CA P.O.S.T.) commission. An officer being assigned to a SWAT team within the state of California and designated as a precision marksman (or sniper) on the SWAT team has such a standard and regulation. Therefore, those officers must attend and successfully pass a 2-week CA P.O.S.T. approved and certified basic sniper course in order to serve as a certified sniper on an agencies SWAT team in the state.

The Fresno Police Department Regional Training Center possess a 2-week CA P.O.S.T. approved Basic Sniper class certification and has since 2013. The Fresno Police Department Regional Training Center (FPDRTC) entered a partnership with then Fresno Sheriff's Office Lieutenant and SWAT Commander Matt Alexander, owner of Advanced Combat Evolutions, to fulfill a need for a certified basic sniper course in our region. The purpose of this partnership served several benefits; first a private training groups in the state of California could not obtain CA P.O.S.T. approval certification on their training courses, and therefore Matt Alexander could not offer a basic sniper class to fulfill this need. However, Matt Alexander possesses a unique and wide range of experience and training in the SWAT sniper community. Matt Alexander had the credibility, knowledge, and experience to appropriately teach this class and is well known throughout the state as a subject matter expert in precision marksmanship and is one of only a handful of peace officers in the state that has this level of knowledge, experience and ability to teach this subject at a professional level. Secondly, the Fresno Police Department at that time did not have an officer assigned to the Training Unit with the level of experience or training equal to Matt Alexander, and therefore did not have

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