

The Monroe Police Department, in cooperation with Grey Wolf Training Specialists, is holding a demonstration of the newest technology in judgmental firearms training on Nov. 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Monroe Police Department, 7 Fan Hill Road.

Grey Wolf Training Specialists is a Shelton-based consultancy offering live fire and virtual reality firearms training for law enforcement. Judgmental training improves officers' understanding of the rules of engagement and the corresponding decision-making process for the escalation/de-escalation of force in close quarter scenarios.

The Grey Wolf Virtual Reality Training Simulator features a software library of over 200 dynamic scenarios. A video is displayed on a screen, and up to three officers can simultaneously interact with it using wireless, Bluetooth-enabled weapons that fire and behave similarly to real weapons.

Monroe's officers will be confronted with real-world scenarios that evolve unpredictably. For example, if the officer uses the correct verbal responses for the situation, the instructor can select an outcome where the suspect complies with commands.

The instructor can alternatively select other scenario branches where the suspect engages the officer in a violent manner, requiring the officer to respond with the appropriate level of force. Scenarios can also branch automatically, based on officer actions. The Monroe demonstrations will feature use of force scenarios ranging from domestic response to SWAT-type incidents.

One of the benefits of the Grey Wolf Systems is its ability to simulate local active shooter response simulations. Grey Wolf can develop video of any environment: schools, hospitals, or other public buildings, increasing officers' tactical familiarity with layouts and floor plans before an emergency happens.

"Considering the gravity of a decision to shoot, it's impossible to overestimate the importance of judgmental training," says Bryan Williams, CEO and director of training at Grey Wolf. "Our scenarios support judgmental training that forces trainees to quickly assess a situation, verbally interact with a potential threat, and respond appropriately to the corresponding escalation or de-escalation of the threat. Short of discharging a weapon in the line of duty, the Grey Wolf Training Simulator offers the most realistic possible training scenarios, including hostile fire simulators, to adding stress to the simulation and provide reinforcement of proper cover and concealment technique."

For questions or to register your interest in attending, contact the Monroe Police Department's Public Information Officer at 2611-3622.