

The New England Gang School LLC, and The Vermont Police Assoc, present:

## “Characteristics of Armed Suspects”



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**Hosted by:** The Vermont Police Association

**Guest Presenter:** Tommy Brooks

**Registration Fee:** Free

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This 1-Day customized “Characteristics of Armed Suspects” training is an expanded version of the 4hr “Characteristics of Armed Suspects” course taught during the 5-Day New England Gang School. It was designed for street-level officers, plainclothes, anti-crime, or gang unit officers, as well as detectives and supervisors, who wish to initiate or increase their knowledge of gangs and their recognition of armed suspect behaviors; through the realistic and local lens of how they actually exist in the nearby cities throughout New England. You will learn actual concepts, methods, ideas, and observational skills that can be used toward successful street level recognition of felons in possession of prohibited weapons, and the investigations that can evolve.

The New England Gang School generally provides training for gang investigators and law enforcement professionals who are in, transitioning into, or aspiring to be, in anti-crime assignments or violent crime investigation or gang units. Our primary focus is on the recognition and understanding of gang activity, behavior, and investigations. However, the indicators of deception, criminal behavior, individual actions, or group conspiracy, are the same regardless of the crime, and regardless of gang connections. And so, an understanding of the skills taught, can be applicable in any jurisdiction.

This customized training program will cover numerous topics to include but not be limited to: Characteristics of Armed Suspects, Street Encounters, Car Stops, Street Level Interviews and Interrogations, and the maintenance of Honor in Policing

## **The Presenter:**

Tommy Brooks has been invited to speak to the Vermont Police Association for his role as a leading instructor in the field of gangs and street level investigations and a presenter at the New England Gang School. He is currently a Sergeant on the Boston Police Department working as the anti-crime supervisor of the Dorchester/Mattapan district of Boston. He has been a police officer for about 20 years and he has been working in anti-crime and/or gang unit assignments for nearly all of that time throughout the ranks of patrolman, detective, and Sergeant.

Tommy Brooks was hired to become a police officer at the age of 21, and due to his young age, was given an early opportunity to work undercover to purchase narcotics for the Transit Police Department where he was also asked to discuss that work at the training academy. A few years later, he transferred to the Boston Police, yet he maintained an assisting hand with the training academy. Over the years, while working as a street officer, detective, or supervisor, he continued to teach gangs at the academy level, and over the years, he would become the gangs training coordinator for 7 police academies across Massachusetts. And this perspective (of street enforcement and academic training) gave him a unique appreciation for the trends and culture of gang policing in New England. His street experience as a working cop includes undercover work, surveillance, informant handling, search warrant preparation, and court testimony. His training experience (which has never been his primary assignment) includes many years and hours of classroom presentation and training. He is the primary instructor for the Characteristics of Armed Suspects Course at The New England Gang School.

He is the recipient of the prestigious George Hanna Award and has also been the recipient of both the Medal of Honor and the American Legion Medal of Valor. He has received awards and citations from the Governor of Massachusetts to multiple Commissioners' Commendations. He is also a three-time recipient of the lesser appreciated "World's Greatest Dad" coffee mug from his three lesser-discerning young sons.

He has received training certifications from the DOJ, DEA, ATF, and the FBI, as well as numerous State and Local specialized training programs and private training courses. And after nearly 20 years of street work, and many years in the training field, he remains an interminable student.