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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **WCSO Deputies to Undergo De-escalation Training *Techniques Are Designed To Calm Potentially Violent Situations And Prevent The Need For Officer Force***

Williamson County Sheriff's Office deputies and officers from other agencies are taking a proactive stance by getting additional training on how to resolve potentially dangerous conflicts without having to resort to use of force. This class has been scheduled for January 31-February 3, 2017.

With potentially dangerous situations around the country, more law enforcement agencies across the country are seeing the need for this type of training. The program will teach officers how to reduce the frequency of conflict in their interaction with the public, and, if the situation escalates, to respond in an effective manner to de-escalate the conflict.

**The media is invited to attend a portion of the four-day training from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at the Public Safety Center Building at 304 Beasley Drive, Franklin, TN. The media will be able to get footage of officers participating in the training and interview instructors and officers.**

Instructors for the workshop are from Vistelar, a Milwaukee-based conflict management training company that addresses the entire spectrum of human conflict in its training.

For more information, contact Sharon Puckett, Public Information Administrator, Williamson County Sheriff's Office at (615) 440-3310.

